

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of the Town of
DIGHTON

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Year Ending December 31, 1963

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

The Board of Selectmen, Welfare, and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P. M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the School Committee room.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: To report a fire—

So. Dighton Station669-3131

No. Dighton Station823-3700

Personal calls—

So. Dighton Station669-3291

No. Dighton Station822-0329

Police Department: 824-4411

Selectmen's Office: 669-2731

Welfare Department: 669-2131

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and Assessors: 669-4241

Public Library: 669-2511

Town Nurse: 669-2141

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Clayton H. Atwood, Chairman	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1964
William F. Benevides	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1966
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1965
Board of Public Welfare			
William F. Benevides, Chairman	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1966
Clayton H. Atwood	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1964
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1965
Board of Health			
Francis J. Torres, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1965
Clayton H. Atwood	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1964
William F. Benevides	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1966
Town Clerk			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1965
Town Collector			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1965
Town Treasurer			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1964
Moderator			
Stuart A. Arnold	No. Dighton	VA 2-4919	1964
Assessors			
Harold M. Mendoza, Chairman	Dighton	NO 9-3451	1964
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	NO 9-5943	1966
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	VA 4-4998	1965

Tree Warden

Raymond J. Costa	Dighton	NO 9-5984	1964
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School Committee

Thomas Sherman, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 2-7321	1964
Antone Compos, Fin. Sec.	Dighton	NO 9-5525	1965
Marie A. Medeiros, Sec.	Dighton	NO 9-4191	1966
Lawrence D. Dutra	Dighton	NO 9-5572	1965
Robert Hoyer (Resigned)	No. Dighton		
Charles McKenna (Appointed 5/15/63)	Dighton	NO 9-5738	1964
Spencer D. Oehrle	Segreganset	NO 9-5990	1964
William Wynne	No. Dighton	NO 9-3376	1965

Planning Board

Milton F. Horton, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 4-6260	1966
C. Douglass Garnett	No. Dighton	NO 9-5773	1967
Wilfred A. Rhines	Dighton	NO 9-2461	1965
Lawson LeForrest	No. Dighton	BL 2-3934	1964
Charles W. Boisvert (Appointed 4/10/63)	Dighton	NO 9-5786	1964

Trustees of Public Library

Lois L. Staples	Segreganset	NO 9-2561	1964
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	NO 9-5955	1965
Harry F. McConville (Deceased)	No. Dighton		
Robert M. McGuirk (Appointed 11/13/63)	No. Dighton	VA 2-6294	1964

Playground Commissioners

Manuel L. Sanson, Chairman	Dighton	NO 9-5981	1965
George J. Wolfenden, Jr., Clerk	No. Dighton	NO 9-5558	1966
Humbert R. Costa	No. Dighton	VA 2-7264	1964

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District School Committee

Stuart A. Arnold	No. Dighton VA 2-4919	1964
Harry Hagopian	No. Dighton VA 2-6483	1965

Finance Committee (Appointed annually by the Moderator)

Kenneth Holmes, Roger Perry, Chairman; George Miguel, Vice Chairman; Osman Crotty, Secretary, Earle Smith, Arthur Staples and Arnold B. Shaw.

Board of Registrars (Appointed)

Percy B. Simmons, Clerk	No. Dighton VA 4-6465	
Elliot Hathaway	No. Dighton NO 9-5642	1964
Francis Buckley	No. Dighton VA 4-4506	1966
Gene Perry, Jr.	Dighton NO 9-5652	1965

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 1963-1964

Chief of Police: Charles H Mason.

Lieutenant of Police Department: Anthony Andrews.

Sergeant of Police Department: Walter Plonka.

Reserve Police Officers: William Ashcroft, William Raposa.

Special Police Officers: Ervin Barney, Charles Brooks, Francis Buckley, John Cambra, Frank Cambra, Edward Carpenter, Louis H. Carr, Joseph A. Coelho, Arthur Compos, Cassius Cummings, William Duarte, Antone Dupont, George Goulart, Manuel Francis, Tobias Freitas, Charles Gracia, George Gracia, Louis Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Byron E. Haskins, Ernest L. Horton, John R. Ingham, John A. Medeiros, George A. Perry, Joseph Perry, John E. Rasmussen, Fred Rebello, Earl W. Rose, George W. Rubadou, Benjamin C. Sherman, Harold L. Sherrington, Frank C. Souza, Jr., Karl Spratt, Jr., Frank Virdinia, Louis White, Isaac S. Wilson.

Policewoman: Gennetta Mason.

Chief of Fire Department: Harry F. Willis.

Deputy Chief, No. Station: John Stanley.

Deputy Chief, So. Station: Joseph White.

Firemen: William Ashcroft, Carl Brandt, Joseph Coelho, Cassius Cummings, Kenneth Cummings, Edward Ferreira, William Fleming, Jr., Charles Gilbert, Sr., Charles Gilbert, Jr., Antone Katon, John Katon, Charles Mason, Jr., Lester McNulty, Roger Perry, Warren Perry, Frank Rogers, Sr., Frank Rogers, Jr., Francis Rose, Benjamin Sherman, Robert Sherman, Thomas Sherman, Carlton Simmons, George Simmons, Percy Simmons, Richard Simmons, Edward Silvia, Joseph Waller.

Herbert Atwood, Manuel Botelho, Alan Brightman, Everett Carr, George Carvalho, Frank Cash, Timothy Costa, Michael Cusick, David Dupont, Joseph Ferreira, Joseph Fleck, William Fleming, Gerald Fleming, Ronald Furtado, Harold Gracia, Water Hamilton, Douglas Horton, Maynard Horton, Sr., Maynard Horton, Jr., George Lavigne, Arthur Martin, Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, Walter Plonka, Albert Reed, Clinton Rose, Charles Sears, Jr., Alvin Silvia, Karl Spratt, Jr., Arnold Staples, Ellis Strange, Isaac Wilson, Richard Sylvia, Jr., Raymond Costa.

Sealer of Weights & Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.

Fence Viewers: Harold Mendoza, Leo T. Pivirotto, Howell S. Carr.

Civil Defense Director: Fred Rebello.

Agents of the Board of Health: Percy B. Simmons, Charles H. Mason, Leo A. Duffy.

Constables: Percy B. Simmons, Charles H. Mason.

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway.

Inspector of Animals: Anthony N. Sylvia.

Inspector of Slaughtering: Anthony N. Sylvia.

Town Nurse: Florence A. Duffy.

Registrar of Voters: Francis Buckley.

Auctioneer: Clayton H. Atwood.

Constable-Somerset Water Dept.: John Charles Nordeste, 3rd.

Town Office Clerks: Elizabeth A. Rose, Marion P. Walker.

Veterans Agent: Theodore Boucher.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw.

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom.

Superintendent of Streets: Edward Carpentier.

Gypsy Moth Superintendent: George W. Rose.

Dighton-Berkley Bridge Tender: John T. McCrohan.

Town Forest Committee: Raymond Horton, Henry L. Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, David Millard, Charles Leonard, Randall Hopkins.

Conservation Committee: Henry Burt, William Andrews, Caesar Araujo, Harold Woodward, Raul Silva.

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy.

Special Police Officer—B.C.A.S.: Edward H. O'Brien.

Special Police Officer—N. D. Coop. Bank: Stafford H. Hambly.

Special Police Officers—Dighton Industries: Harry McConville, George R. Nickerson, Leon Talbot, Herbert L. Hayes, David Perry.

Public Weighers—Dighton Industries: Francis Miguel, Antone Correia.

Special Police Officers—Arnold, Hoffman & Co.: E. Correia, C. Costa, Charles E. Pierce, Frank R. Fleck.

Public Weighers, Arnold Hoffman & Co.: A. Sollitto, W. Carey, A. Gove, D. Maynard.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held after the Annual Town Meeting. For the eighth consecutive year, the chairmanships were divided with Mr. Atwood chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Benevides for the Board of Public Welfare, Mr. Torres for the Board of Health. Miss Marion Walker was appointed as clerk to each Board.

Fifty weekly and twenty one special meetings were held with twenty absentees on sick leave or vacations. Several joint meetings were held with the other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended all County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level, where and when convenient in an effort to obtain benefit of experience to better serve the Town. Hearings were attended on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works projects in behalf of the Town's interest.

All appointments of Town Officers and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors, and are contained in the Clerk's annual report. Annual reports of the numerous Town Officers and Departments as required by law are contained in this 1963 Town Officer's Report.

All special committee activity and reports are included

in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meeting have been accomplished.

The business of administering the affairs of government is everlastingly increasing. The gradual rise in cost of living requires the constant consideration for higher wages and compensation of Town employees and personnel. Likewise, the higher cost of materials and supplies requires added dollars to be appropriated. More services and modified programs of all Town departments are requested and expected by the citizens. The complex problem of government finance is a universal one and not easily solved. All Dighton Town Officials are aware of this growing and challenging situation. Tax dollars are the only source of meeting the Town's obligations and maintaining our financial stability. Dighton is in good condition and fortunately has accomplished many of the projects which face other communities. However, a conservative and economical policy should be continued in order to retain our ability to meet public service obligations.

The most urgent question confronting the Town is the one of building control and zoning regulations. The Planning Board is to present an article on the Town Meeting Warrant, whereby the citizens may consider the adoption of suitable provisions to control this vitally important subject. We urge every citizen to study this matter and give it your most serious consideration.

The State legislature has enacted mandatory laws related to plumbing, sanitation and gas installation. These acts impose added responsibilities on local officials and the communities and must be enforced, which increase the expenditures.

The major undertaking currently existing is the processing of application for Federal grants of funds to construct a new Town Office Building and add new space to the Highway Garage. The Board appointed a School Needs Study Committee at the request of the School Committee. This group made a very complete study of the facilities and future

needs. This report is published herein. The finding indicates that under normal conditions and predictions, the Town will be able to cope with the requirements for several years with present facilities, providing the Town votes to authorize the building of a new Town Office.

The expansion of garage space is urgently needed. The present facility is inadequate to house the equipment and supplies. It is expected that 50% Federal Grants will be available to undertake these projects.

Likewise, the Board has initiated action together with the Town of Berkley to acquire State and Federal Funds to construct a new bridge over the Taunton River to replace the present structure.

The contract for repairing the present bridge is being executed and this work will enable the continuance of its use until a new one can be completed. The reconstruction of 4700 feet of Williams Street is scheduled to be contracted for early spring of 1964.

We are ever grateful to Town Officials and employees for their continued dedicated efforts. Also to the various State agencies and personnel for assistance and cooperation in related matters.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD, Chairman

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES

FRANCIS J. TORRES

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Town Moderator, following the Annual Town Meeting, appointed the following to the Finance Committee: Osman Crotty, Kenneth H. Holmes, George Miguel, Earle M. Smith, Arthur C. Staples, Arnold B. Shaw and Roger B. Perry.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Clayton H. Atwood, organized the Finance Committee on March 20, 1963. After being sworn in by the Town Clerk, the Committee elected the following officers to serve one year: Chairman, Roger B. Perry; Vice Chairman, George Miguel; and Secretary, Osman Crotty.

The Finance Committee met with all Heads of the Town Departments and reviewed and discussed the budgets submitted by them prior to the 1963 Annual Town Meeting. All financial articles appearing in the Town Warrant had the approval of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank all officials of the town for their courtesy and cooperation.

As in the past, the Finance Committee invites all townspeople to attend their meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER B. PERRY, Chairman
GEORGE MIGUEL, Vice-Chairman
OSMAN CROTTY, Secretary
KENNETH H. HOLMES
EARLE M. SMITH
ARTHUR C. STAPLES
ARNOLD C. SHAW
Finance Committee

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 4, 1963 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers: Elaine Varley, Selma Wall, Lillian Deslauriers, Florence I. Perry, Helen McCarthy, Alice Rogers, George West, Louise Catabia, Anna C. Simmons, Catherine Sherman, Hazel Reed, Edna Seekell, Ruth Leeming, Irene Goulart, Bernice Darling, Helen Atwood, Mary M. Perry, and Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1164; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years—William F. Benevides

Board of Public Welfare for Three Years—William F. Benevides

Town Treasurer for One Year—Percy B. Simmons

Moderator for One Yera—Stuart A. Arnold

Assessor for Three Years—Howell S. Carr

Tree Warden for One Year—Raymond J. Costa

School Committee for Three Years—Marie A. Medeiros,
Robert E. Hoyer

Trustee of Public Library for Three Years—Harry F. McConville

Playground Commission for Three Years—George J. Wolfenden, Jr.

Playground Commission for Two Years—Manuel L. Sanson

Playground Commission for One Year—Humbert R. Costa

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Stuart Arnold, Moderator, March 11, 1963 at Town Hall.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1962 Annual Report be accepted.

Mr. Holmes also noted that all financial transactions in the 1963 budget have been approved by the Finance Committee.

Francis Torres and William Benevides escorted Helen Lane into the auditorium to dedicate the Town History Book. Clayton Atwood presented Miss Lane, Town Historian, with the first copy of the Town History.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: On Motion made by Clayton Atwood that the History of the Town of Dighton as written by Miss Helen H. Lane, Authoress, and published by the Town be accepted and established as an official Town document, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to transmit and convey 1,000 copies of the first edition to the Town Treasurer who shall hereby be empowered to sell same for \$5.00 each, and that the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be held in reserve for future appropriation to be voted by the Town.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$43,400.00 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$55,400.00 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41, and Section 13, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Robert Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$56,976.08 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the capital expenses due in 1963 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Robert Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$137,752.55 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses in 1963 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums taking up each budget item separately by item number.

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
Elementary School Bonds	\$25,000.00	Thomas Sherman
Interest on Elem.		
School Bonds	4,290.00	Thomas Sherman
Interest on Revenue Loan	500.00	Percy B. Simmons
School Department	243,316.00	Larry Dutra
Public Library	3,500.00	Lois L. Staples
Board of Health	4,385.00	Francis Torres
Ambulance Maintenance	700.00	Francis Torres
Care of Town Dumps	2,200.00	Francis Torres
Fire Department	10,003.50	Harry Willis
Police Department	8,950.00	Charles Mason
Civilian Defense	1,555.00	Fred Rebello
Hydrant Rentals	1,740.00	Harry Willis
Town Insurance	8,103.14	Francis Torres
Contributory Group		
Insurance	3,000.00	Francis Torres
Aid to Dependent Children	7,000.00	William Benevides
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	William Benevides
Old Age Assistance	18,000.00	William Benevides
Medical Aid for the Aged	12,000.00	William Benevides
General Relief	5,000.00	William Benevides
Public Assistance		
Administration	3,600.00	William Benevides
Brush Control	750.00	Clayton Atwood
Cemeteries		
(Public Property)	350.00	Clayton Atwood
Chapter #81—		
Highway Fund	7,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Chapter #90—Maintenance	1,700.00	Clayton Atwood
Chapter #90—		
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	2,100.00	Clayton Atwood
Care of Town Elms	2,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Insect Pest Control	542.00	Clayton Atwood
Shade Tree Account	500.00	Clayton Atwood

Sidewalk Maintenance	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Road Machinery Account	4,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Street Department	36,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Assessors Department	4,000.00	Harold Mendoza
Election & Registration	1,475.00	Percy Simmons
Finance Committee	50.00	Kenneth Holmes
Selectmen's Department	2,900.00	Clayton Atwood
Tax Title Account	700.00	Percy Simmons
Tax Possession Account	100.00	Percy Simmons
Town Accountant	4,510.00	Myrtle Wilson
Town Clerk	1,320.00	Percy Simmons
Town Collector	2,940.00	Percy Simmons
Town Conservation		
Commission	200.00	Harold Woodward
Town Offices	10,590.00	Clayton Atwood
Town Treasurer	1,935.00	Percy Simmons
Town Planning Borad	330.00	Milton Horton
Civic Center Maintenance	275.00	William Benevides
County Retirement Fund	6,659.69	William Benevides
Dog Officer's Account	600.00	Charles Mason
Memorial Day Observance	200.00	William Benevides
Playgrounds & Recreation	2,432.00	Manuel Sanson
Veterans' Benefits	9,000.00	William Benevides

(8) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the salaries of the elected Town Officers as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the year January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963 as follows:

Board of Assessors:

Chairman	\$900.00
Others	800.00
Clerk	500.00

Board of Health:

Chairman	300.00
Others	200.00

Board of Public Welfare:

Chairman	400.00
Others	300.00

Board of Selectmen:

Chairman	1,200.00
Others	600.00
Moderator	20.00
School Committee Secretary	25.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00
Town Collector	2,000.00
Town Treasurer	1,200.00
Tree Warden	35.00

(9) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to Reserve Account Appropriated, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Lois L. Staples that the Town appropriate and transfer the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of \$586.16 to the Public Library Account.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town raise and appropriate \$250.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the Mosquito Control Works as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112. Acts of 1931.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction and to meet said appropriation, that \$5,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

(13) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of \$36,350.00 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Highway Work.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning Jan. 1, 1963,

and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes a may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(15) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Kenneth Holmes that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at public auction.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1963 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

(18) The report of the Board of Selectmen on the Town's 250th Anniversary Committee was given by Clayton H. Atwood as follows:

“The 1962 Selectmen's report contains a brief summary of the 250th Anniversary activities. The Town Accountant's report includes the financial transactions and the condition of the account.

The Selectmen have in their possession various items and materials accumulated and acquired from the anniversary activities; namely, a guest book, trophies, a plaque, a scroll of the Town's charter, and various programs, invitations, tickets, and other promotional material.

All such items together with the anniversary booklet and the commemorative coin will appreciate in value as time elapses. Several inquiries from collectors and distributors indicate a demand for some of these items.

In view of all factors and conditions we have been advised by the Director of Accounts to retain all items and

materials and allow the account to remain open until such time as final disposition of these assets may be proposed and voted by the Town.

Signed:

Board of Selectmen

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD, Chairman

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES

FRANCIS J. TORRES"

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town accept the report of the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the continuance of the account as voted upon under Art. 23, of the 1962 Annual Town Meeting.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$5,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of legal expenses for the protection of the interest and rights of the Town of Dighton in the Segreganset River.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Harry Willis that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) \$1,623.50 for the purchase of two mobile radio telephone sets to replace obsolete equipment in the Fire Department and to authorize the purchase of same under the Civilian Defense Matching Funds program, and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old equipment in a manner for the Town's best interest.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate \$4,101.01 for the purpose of purchasing a back-hoe unit to be installed on the 4-wheel drive tractor-shovel for use of the Street Department and to provide for said appropriation, that \$2,515.50 be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund and \$1,585.51 from the 1962 Equipment Purchases Account.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Charles Harris that the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five or more citizens to study the need and feasibility of properly erecting a plaque, plaques, or a suitable memorial in honor of the

Town's famous men and Founding Fathers and to report their findings and recommendations to the 1964 Annual Town Meeting.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Harold Woodward that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for the removal and sale of wood from the Town Forests as recommended by the Town Forest Committee and Mass. State Forester.

(24) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$8,884.34 allocated to the Town by the provision of Chapter 782, Acts of 1962, to an Elm and Hart Street improvement project.

(25) VOTED: On motion of Percy Simmons that the Town authorize the transfer to Surplus Revenue of unexpended funds of the following special accounts: Microfilming Project \$262.84, South Fire Station Construction \$21.38, Police Cruiser Account \$1.60.

(26) Motion made by Oliver Collard that a committee be established by the Moderator to investigate the cost or costs of securing professional services for the purpose of re-evaluating real estate property within the limits of the Town of Dighton and make its report and recommendations at the next annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Collard withdrew his motion.

The Moderator asked for an expression of opinion on motion made by Mr. Collard and vote was 26 for and 42 against. Motion was defeated.

The Moderator appointed the following members to the Finance Committee for the year 1963-1964 as follows: Kenneth Holmes, Roger Perry, Earle Smith, Osman Crotty, Arthur Staples, George Miguel, Arnold B. Shaw.
Meeting adjourned at 10:08 P. M.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. by Stuart Arnold, Moderator on June 12, 1963 at Town Hall.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the warrant.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town accept a proposed layout of Williams Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating, or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Williams Street, as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Williams Street, entitled "A Plan Showing a Portion of Williams Street in the Town of Dighton, Bristol County, Massachusetts— Scale 40' to the inch—Dated March, 1963, McNamara & Campbell, Engineers of Taunton, Mass.", said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs and stone walls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P. M.

Attest:

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1963

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
2	Karen Marie Nichols	Edward F. & Lucille P. Menard Nichols
9	Paul Botelho	John J. & Lucille Bousquet Botelho
14	Tracy Alice Silvia	George & Alice C. Valcourt Silvia
15	William Lynn Pickering	William & Perry Ann Schermerhorn Pickering
18	Karen Silva	Joseph R. & Barbara Haggerty Silva
27	Elizabeth Ann Shaw	Curtis F. & Jeanette Murchie Shaw
27	John Perkins Shaw	Curtis F. & Jeanette Murchie Shaw
30	Cheryl Ann Ferreira	Manuel & Shirley Harrington Ferreira
30	Scott Francis Ferreira	Manuel & Shirley Harrington Ferreira
30	Timothy Edward Conaty	Henry J. & Lorraine F. Foley Conaty
FEBRUARY		
2	Kathleen Ann Alves	Arthur I. & Angelina Medeiros Alves
12	Sharon Lee Coder	Thomas H. & Beth M. Cambra Coder
25	Michael Perry	Hannibal J. & Evelyn Arruda Perry
25	Brenda Elizabeth Souza	Manuel & Esther E. Roderick Souza
MARCH		
2	James Raymond DeFayette	Wilfred R. & Mary R. Souza DeFayette
5	Kathleen Marie Costa	Roger A. & Doris A. Jette Costa
12	John Walter Mortimer	John W. & Joan Irene Partridge Mortimer
19	Robert Benjamin Adams	Benjamn H. & Myrna D. Menges Adams
25	Richard Leo Lamoureux	Richard L. & Carol I. Jones Lamoureux
25	Robin Mellen	Norman H. & Ellen Dillon Mellon
31	Jeffrey Edmund Braga	Edmund & Elaine Pine Braga
31	Lisa Rufina Burnett	Donald L. & Cynthia M. Nunes Burnett
APRIL		
3	Doreen Elizabeth Waller	Harold F. & Helen A. Moniz Waller
18	Joseph David Ferreira	Joseph & Loretta Desrosiers Ferreira
18	Nancy Ann Collins	John & Ann Johnson Collins
20	Carl David Terry	Charles P. & Janice M. Lefaiivre Terry
21	Thomas Gregory Hebert	Vincent F. & Elizabth J. Torres Hebert
30	Sharon Ann Rodrigue	Onil R. & Lenora J. Korlacki Rodrigue
30	David Blake O'Connell	William M. & Patricia Blake O'Connell

MAY

2	William Joseph Boucher	Maurice A. & Elizabeth A. Murray Boucher
6	David Alan Duarte	John R. & Betty J. Joubert Duarte
7	Susan Katherine Simmons	Richard F. & Barbara McElroy Simmons
14	Brian Joseph Viera	Edward M. & Elizabeth A. Silvia Viera
31	Deidre Marie O'Connell	Edward F. & Pearl F. J. Gascon O'Connell

JUNE

2	Elaine Mary Moulding	Joseph W. & Patricia G. Durand Moulding
4	Anne Marie Cote	Ernest J. & Marie D. Camara Cote
8	Kevin John Nordeste	John C. & Marie L. Bourgoin Nordeste
10	Nancy Jean McGillivray	Edward W. & Lucille M. Brunelle McGillivray
10	Theresa Margaret Corcoran	Joseph W. & Ruby L. Lewis Corcoran
16	Lynn Ann Black	Allen C. & Ann Greenhalgh Black
21	Kathy Ann Poissant	Nelson & Alice M. Delano Poissant
24	Gary John Lopes	Gilbert J. & Anita R. Charron Lopes
29	Kimberly Jean Jones	George E. & Jean B. Horton Jones
30	Bruce Charles Atwood	Ernest H. & Cynthia A. Broadbent Atwood
30	Delores Mary Carpenter	Danny & Delores M. Charves Carpenter

JULY

1	Linda Elizabeth Fricker	Douglas C. & Joyce E. Horton Fricker
12	Todd John Perry	John & Shirley A. Gifford Perry
12	Norman Michael Jusseaume	Norman R. & Beverly A. Cabral Jusseaume
22	Mark Joseph Pelletier	John P. & Marguerite E. Neves Pelletier
23	Laurie Ann Chamberlain	Elmer A. & Harriet Poor Chamberlain
23	Dori-Jo Brazil	Robert J. & Julia L. Ianiri Brazil
25	Paula Jean Martin	Frank & Margaret A. Monterio Martin
26	James Patrick Buckley	Eldwin N. & Dorothy F. Ferreira Buckley

AUGUST

1	Larry Joseph Costa	Raymond J. & Helen Marques Costa
2	Lori-Ann McCrady	Wilbur J. & Constance E. Carlson McCrady
5	Tansy Jean Woods	John C. & Beryl Stephenson Woods
7	Cynthia Virdinlia	William F. & Janet Rose Virdinlia
13	Herbert Franklin Atwood	Herbert & Judith A. Antunes Atwood
22	Kelley Jean Silvia	Ronald J. & Sheila J. DelSolio Silvia
22	Douglas John Veronesi	Douglas A. & Shirley J. Perry Veronesi
22	Karen Ann Guillet	Roland & Adeline H. Torres Guillet
25	Christine Marie Lamoureux	Roger C. & Genevieve A. Roberts Lamoureux

SEPTEMBER

6	Mark Alan Torres	John E. & Mary A. Aschbrenner Torres
18	Jennifer Doris Johnson	Linwood E. & Nancy E. Washburn Johnson
19	Andrew Francis Anderson	Frohman & Elfriede A. Kuchenbaur Anderson
20	Kathleen McEvoy	Thomas J. & Rita Ann Orlowski McEvoy
27	Jeffrey Allen Silveira	James E. & Edith Mae Boyce Silveira
28	Cindy Lee Plant	Donald H. & Mary A. Cockrell Plant

OCTOBER

1	Andrew Langdon Wallace	William B. & Audrey A. Ayer Wallace
5	James Wiley Dernoga	Frank & Rosemary Wiley Dernoga
6	James Mead Dunne	James M. & Linda Lee Collins Dunne
8	Joanne Elizabeth Patterson	Richard B. & Ruth A. McCracken Patterson
14	Brenda Anne Gracia	Harold & Jean A. Bagnall Gracia
15	Kenneth Francis Jackson	Joseph D. & Helen Jarosik Jackson
18	Cathy Beatrice Sherman	Robert B. & Joyce B. Soares Sherman
19	Pamela Maria Sherman	Milton & Gisela Lucia Affermann Sherman
27	Kristen Joy Wynne	Robert J. & Jeannette S. Lincoln Wynne
30	Scott Michael Santos	Edward & Mary C. Bombardier Santos

NOVEMBER

8	Craig Emerson Russell	Earl J. & Judith I. Clapp Russell
12	Bonnie Marie Hartwell	Donald P. & Gloria L. Sincavage Hartwell
20	Janet Ann Tetreault	Raymond L. & Theresa L. Leduc Tetreault
25	Stephen James Brodrick	John J. & Dorothy J. Pritchard Broderick

DECEMBER

3	Curtis William White	Alfred W. & Bertha A. Schuttauf White
3	Christine Ann Hammett	Peter B. & Virginia Ann Tomkins Hammett
10	Tammy Jane Waite	William B. & Kay P. Hagar Waite
16	Ronald Vincent Malaguti	Vincent R. & Hilda L. Westgate Malaguti
25	Donald Bacon	Donald & Mary J. Marchetti Bacon

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON
FOR 1963**

JANUARY

- 5 Roger S. Duarte of Dighton and Jane D. Pezzini of Westfield.
- 26 Douglas A. Veronesi of West Bridgewater and Shirley Jean Perry of Dighton.

FEBRUARY

- 16 Heriberto J. Martinez Valle of Dighton and Dianne E. Bearce of Dighton.
- 20 Theodore B. Ladd of Dighton and Helen E. (Aikens) Reid of Dighton.
- 23 John Franklyn Coons of Fall River and Helen Vinson Coyle of Taunton.

APRIL

- 5 Gerald Byron Wheeler of New Bedford and Thelma M. (Cooper) Hatch of Dighton.
- 13 Richard J. Farrar of Dighton and Deborah M. Hopkins of Dighton.
- 15 John Ainsworth of Fall River and Elizabeth Carpentier of Dighton.
- 20 Paul R. Martin of Dighton and Nola Bourgoïn of Taunton.
- 20 Thomas E. Botelho of Fall River and Olivia R. Dias of Dighton.
- 20 Charles Pereira Jr. of Fall River and Barbara Anne Carpenter of Dighton.
- 20 Ralph Everett Leach of Dighton and Pamela L. Smith of Dighton.
- 21 Russell D. Leonard of Swansea and Ruth (Baker) Ransley of Swansea.

- 27 Joseph Fernandes of Berkley and Patricia A. Amarello of Dighton.
- 29 Richard Clarence Davis of Dighton and Laura Marie Reis of Dighton.

MAY

- 14 Eugene Bettencourt of Rehoboth and Lorraine Lea Archer of Taunton.
- 17 Joseph Everett Ferry of Taunton and Beverly Jeanne (Ladd) Marsden of Dighton.
- 18 Norman Mendoza of Dighton and Olive Pontes of Dighton.
- 18 Michael R. Silva of Dighton and Judith A. Bassett of Taunton.
- 25 Thomas J. Butcher of San Bernardino, Cal. and Simone M. Lenney of Dighton.

JUNE

- 7 H. James Grady of Providence, R. I. and Mildred O. Rice of Providence, R. I.
- 15 James V. Heywood, Jr. of Dighton and Barbara L. Gomes of Dighton.
- 22 Russell P. Lawlor of Taunton and Betsey W. Reed of Dighton.
- 22 Richard Rose of Berkley and Brenda Ann Rogers of Dighton.
- 22 Alfred Ferreira Jr. of Fall River and Dorothy Torres of Dighton.
- 22 Eric Franklin Sandel of Greenfield and Mary Elizabeth Margaret Kelly Devine of Taunton.

JULY

- 4 Manuel Alves of Middletown, R. I. and Nancy Leo Cordeiro of Dighton.
- 20 George T. Edwards of Oak Park, Ill. and Lucille DeMello of Dighton.
- 27 David W. Carey of Dighton and Marilyn S. Hathaway of Dighton.

AUGUST

- 3 Alfred E. Morey of Dighton and Edith C. (Jackson) Clarke of Mansfield.
- 6 Robert Edmund Gilson of Dighton and Claire Kathryn (Sexton) Fera of Pawtucket.
- 23 John C. Tarvis Jr. of Dighton and Carole Ann Holt of Dighton.
- 23 Wallace L. Babbitt of Dighton and Beatrice (Carlos) Gracia of Taunton.
- 31 Henry Catabia of Dighton and Barbara Albert of Holbrook.
- 31 Donald Aphonse Lavallee of Dighton and Linda Macomber Pattison of Seekonk.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Paul G. Whitman of Newport, R.I. and Whitney B. Wargat of Dighton.
- 14 Ronald J. Souza of Dighton and Evelyn Curt of Somerset.
- 27 George E. Hixon of Dighton and Elaine Perry of Dighton.

OCTOBER

- 5 Albert E. Pontes of Dighton and Gloria J. Lachance of Rehoboth.
- 12 William Edward Johnson Jr. of Dighton and Jean Marie Shumway of Dighton.
- 19 Brian S. Daggett of Rehoboth and Judith A. Sylvia of Dighton.
- 26 Alfred J. Perry of Dighton and Gladys Alves of Taunton.
- 26 Paul F. Ferreira of Dighton and Barbara (Costa) Craw of Dighton.
- 26 Ronald Silvia of Taunton and Mary F. Motta of Dighton.

NOVEMBER

23 Richard J. Tadlock of Susquehanna, Pa. and Jeanne Marie Collard of Dighton.

DECEMBER

28 Edward E. Allen Jr. of Somerset and Barbara Hebert of Swansea.

28 Edward J. Olney of Taunton and Susan Carey of Dighton..



DOGS LICENSED IN 1963

Males	263
Females	27
Spayed Females	126
Kennels	8
Total	424

DEATHS REGISTERED IN DIGHTON FOR THE YEAR 1963

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
2	Joaquim S. Bettencourt	75	2	—
10	Gertrude (Kennedy) Stone	81	2	17
20	Margaret A. William	72	5	11
22	Margaret Joyce (Sims) Quackenbush	82	—	11
31	Barbara F. (Studley) Collis	43	6	—
FEBRUARY				
12	Frank S. Souza	80	1	5
13	Alfred P. Torres	57	6	1
20	Philomena (Costa) Rogers	83	—	—
25	Mary J. (Mayo) Wheeler	68	—	2
MARCH				
6	Mervin Bradshaw	34	5	19
23	Nellie P. (Briggs) Barlow	84	7	1
27	Antone Costa	86	1	12
28	Peter Kossoi	72	10	15
APRIL				
4	William James Brown	80	10	4
11	Lillian A. Deslauriers	52	10	15
12	Emma Maria (Reed) Fenner	90	4	6
16	George Joseph Tardiff	69	—	—
18	Marie Orise (Collard) Lachance	94	—	—
20	Hagop Aghkadian	75	—	—
21	Mary J. (O'Brien) Knaide	71	5	1
29	Albert Clive Chamberlain	66	5	13
MAY				
5	Michael Mosher			2 Hrs.
19	George Wodson Kay	67	5	15
20	Wilhelmina (Gomes) Thompson	73	9	15
25	Sadie C. Atwood	76	6	16
26	Margaret E. Mawn	88	—	—

JUNE

4	Margaret Mary Leonard	62	—	19
9	Frederick Arnold Shaw	75	10	17
10	Mary Joy	74	8	23
10	Clifford Wallace Babbitt	74	8	1
20	Arthur Thomas Chace	77	20	20
27	Oscar Therrien	74	8	22
27	Eleanor (Scanlon) Cabana	60	8	17

JULY

19	Emma Brown Horton	90	2	10
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AUGUST

1	Eva G. (Smith) Kay	78	6	2
2	Sarah J. (Summer) Bindon	82	—	—
5	Joseph Marshall	82	4	4
29	Margaret E. (Carroll) Fuller	88	—	—

SEPTEMBER

4	Henry F. McConville	65	6	16
6	Obelin (Ruest) Banville	79	3	11
8	Thomas Valentine	84	9	9
13	Valentine Wetzell	90	—	21
21	Ruth Esther (Holt) Lush	69	1	15
25	Alma J. (Smith) Taggart	84	8	22
27	Mary (Tavares) Souza	80	11	9

OCTOBER

4	William Smith	77	1	29
7	Joseph S. Murray	69	11	17
10	Glenn Avon Burgmann	61	5	22
31	Jacinto Rapoza	64	3	3

NOVEMBER

8	Marion (Darling) Burrell	70	1	24
16	Lillian Harrison (Edgerly) Cameron	74	8	4
17	William Harry Crossman	86	1	14

DECEMBER

15	Mary Grace (Wagner) Dewsnap	72	1	5
18	Isabella Gertrude (Wilcox) Babcock	66	7	22
26	Joseph Allan Carpenter	83	8	29
27	Manuel Perry Suite	86	—	—

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/62	Interest in 1963	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/63
Harriet M. Briggs	\$200.00	\$276.55	\$10.45	\$287.00		\$287.00
Submit Babbitt	50.00	65.03	2.60	67.63	1.00	66.63
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	139.06	5.52	144.58	4.00	140.58
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	260.95	9.85	270.80	3.00	267.80
Ebenezer Gay	50.00	58.56	2.30	60.86	2.00	58.86
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	131.76	5.26	137.02	2.00	135.02
Bliss-Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	247.71	9.36	257.07	4.00	253.07
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	189.57	7.16	196.73	3.00	193.73
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	188.46	5.69	194.15	4.00	190.15
Martha L. Smith	50.00	55.14	1.66	56.80	1.00	55.80
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	721.00	29.12	750.12	29.12	721.00
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	218.22	8.25	226.47	7.00	219.47
Joseph Gooding	142.75	159.47	6.22	165.69	10.00	155.69
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	123.03	4.65	127.68	3.00	124.68
William Walker	250.00	251.38	10.02	261.40	10.00	251.40
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	116.69	4.39	121.08	1.00	120.08
George H. Horton	100.00	173.22	6.54	179.76	8.00	171.76
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	222.83	8.40	231.23	6.00	225.23
Gilbert Strange	300.00	312.72	11.81	324.53	9.00	315.53
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	192.68	7.76	200.44		200.44

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/62	Interest in 1963	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/63
Emery White	100.00	114.90	4.33	119.23	2.00	117.23
Emeline Williams	100.00	121.49	4.88	126.37		126.37
Charles E. Carr	500.00	538.30	20.37	558.67	16.00	542.67
Isabelle W. Snow	100.00	100.02	3.02	103.04	3.00	100.04
N. Allen Walker	150.98	246.93	9.94	256.87	20.00	236.87
Briggs Lot	125.00	135.25	5.20	140.45	14.00	126.45
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	5651.19	213.89	5865.08	147.50	5717.58
Bliss-Westcoat	200.00	253.17	9.56	262.73	3.50	259.23
David W. Francis	100.00	145.50	5.86	151.36	3.50	147.86
Albert F. Goff	50.00	57.43	1.74	59.17	1.50	57.67
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	247.47	9.36	256.83	3.00	253.83
George E. Francis	100.00	195.08	7.86	202.94	2.50	200.44
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	150.99	5.68	156.67	2.50	154.17
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	133.03	5.36	138.39	2.50	135.89
Ephira Goff	100.00	125.70	4.74	130.44	2.50	127.94
Truman N. Goff	100.00	150.09	5.66	155.75	2.50	153.25
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	289.67	11.68	301.35	3.00	298.35
John H. Harlow	100.00	121.34	4.58	125.92	2.00	123.92
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	119.37	4.50	123.87	2.00	121.87
John H. Horton	100.00	125.34	5.04	130.98	2.00	128.38

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/62	Interest in 1963	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/63
Nelson Horton	100.00	184.10	6.96	191.06	2.00	189.06
Job Paull	100.00	154.06	6.22	160.28		160.28
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	129.86	5.22	135.08	2.50	132.58
Etta Westcott	100.00	130.68	4.93	135.61	.50	135.11
Westcott & McNally	200.00	225.12	6.80	231.92	3.00	228.92
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	133.79	5.38	139.17	2.00	137.17
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	117.48	3.58	121.06	2.00	119.06
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	136.27	5.14	141.41	2.00	139.41
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	80.49	3.02	83.51	3.00	80.51
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	169.90	6.41	176.31	9.00	167.31
Nathan Walker	100.00	110.16	4.38	114.54	3.00	111.54
Wendell Weed	100.00	118.55	4.68	123.23	4.00	119.23
Williams Lot	100.00	196.98	7.84	204.82	4.00	200.82
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	422.17	12.75	434.92	3.00	431.92
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	203.00	6.14	209.14		209.14
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot	200.00	200.50	6.05	206.55		206.55

JURY LIST 1963-1964

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Alves, Arthur	Machine Operator	1981 Williams St.	Dighton
Angell, Dorothy M.	Saleswoman	1711 Winthrop St.	No. Dighton
Barboza, Robert R.	Textile Worker	3397 Sharps Lot Rd.	Swansea
Barrow, Kenneth	Mech. Lab. Tech.	1825 Elm St.	Dighton
Black, Allen C.	Shipping Clerk	353 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Black, Anne	Telephone Opr.	353 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Boisvert, Eleanor V.	Assembler	423 Main St.	Dighton
Booth, Edward	Textile Worker	105 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Boucher, Theodore	Maint. Foreman	2135 Pleasant St.	Dighton
Bradshaw, Robert	Food Processor	1427 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Cambra, John	Carpenter— Self-employed	1965 County St.	Dighton
Carr, James I.	Research Chemist	1150 Briggs St.	No. Dighton
Carter, Madeline	At Home	751 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Carvalho, George Jr.	Truck Driver	867 Main St.	Dighton
Corr, Dorothy	Invoicer—At Home	595 School St.	No. Dighton
Charleton, Edward	Bus Operator	1950 Wellington St.	Dighton
Cunha, Frank	Retired	2260 County St.	Dighton
Donle, William	Self-employed	1374 Pine St.	No. Dighton
Donnelly, Edward	Landscaper	462 School St.	No. Dighton
Dubois, Henry J.	School Bus Driver	2344 Pleasant St.	Dighton
Ellis, Willard H.	Warehouse Worker & Truck Dr.	Purchase St.	Swansea
Fanjoy, Allen C.	Time Study Eng.	405 Main St.	Dighton
Farley, George	Leather Worker	695 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Gadway, Floyd F.	Sta. Engineer	774 Prospect St.	No. Dighton
Goulart, Edward F.	Metal Spinner	2288 Pleasant St.	Dighton
Gracia, George	Factory Worker	2397 Main St.	Dighton
Gracia, Robert F.	Silver Worker	1885 Elm St.	Dighton
Harrison, Marion	Mass. Employment Service	130 Center St.	Segreganset
Hartley, Harold C.	Self-employed	63 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Hathaway, Donald B.	Carpenter-Foreman	1525 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Hebert, Robert	Inspector	343 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Keating, Mary	Unemployed	247 Forest St.	No. Dighton
McClellan, Francis	Dairy Hand	2494 Wellington St.	Dighton
Mason, Gennetta	At Home	567 Old Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Mendoza, Evelyn	Bookkeeper	1895 Elm St.	Dighton
Parchesco, Manuel	Dighton Industries	2036 Somerset Ave.	Dighton
Perry, David W.	Dighton Industries	233 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Plunkett, Charles M.	Grinder	2631 Pleasant St.	Dighton
Place, Bradford D.	Machinist	314 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Read, Beulah	Set Up Girl	698 Prospect St.	No. Dighton
Seekell, Edna	Sub. Teacher	626 School St.	No. Dighton
Shaw, James W.	Supervisor	12 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Smith, James B.	Laborer	235 Walker St.	No. Dighton
Spinney, Gordon E.	Buyer & Manager	241 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Spratt, Elizabeth A.	Lab. Technician	2039 Elm St.	Dighton
Stedman, Charles	Retired	648 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1963

January 2, 1963

Hilda Nascimento, Pine St., Dighton, Clerk.
Barbara C. Poole, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, At Home.
Mary Medeiros, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, Nurse.
Barbara S. Carr, Elm St., Dighton, Electronics Repair.
Mary Hathaway, Center St., Dighton, Assembler.

January 30, 1963

Beverly A. Wilson, Pleasant St., Dighton, Bank Mgr.

February 17, 1963

Austin Wheeler, Walker St., No. Dighton, Maintenance.
Violet Horton, Williams St., No. Dighton, Cafeteria Worker.
Fred E. Rebello, Forest St., No. Dighton, Civil Defense Director.
Selma Wall, Mt. Hope St., No. Dighton, At Home.

March 6, 1963

Hazel R. Drohan, Somerset Ave., Dighton, Office Clerk.
Albert DeMello, Elm St., Dighton, Salesman.
Catherine E. Willis, Forest St., No. Dighton, At Home.
Anna F. Rose, Williams St., Dighton, At Home.

March 27, 1963

Arthur E. Compos, County St., Dighton, Self-employed.

April 3, 1963

Hazel Reed, Elm St., Dighton, At Home.
Doris Stonstrom, Williams St., No. Dighton, Secretary.

April 24, 1963

Lucy Mendoza, Elm St., Dighton, At Home.
Harry F. Willis, Forest St., No. Dighton, Maintenance Foreman.
Charles A. Seekell, School St., No. Dighton, Electrician.

May 22, 1963

Margaret Sloan, Williams St., No. Dighton, At Home.
Alice Rogers, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, At Home.
John Dwyer, Jr., Tremont St., No. Dighton, Foreman.
Douglas Garnett, Center St., Dighton, Sales Supervisor.

June 4, 1963

Kenneth W. Cummings, Williams St., No. Dighton,
Chemical Worker.

Henry Descoteaux, Forest St., No. Dighton, Office Mgr.

September 13, 1963

Harold C. Hartley, Forest St., No. Dighton, Self-Employed.

September 25, 1963

Bradford Place, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, Machinist.

November 6, 1963

William Donle, Pine St., Dighton, Self-employed.

December 4, 1963

George Carvalho, Main St., Dighton, Truck-Driver.

James B. Smith, Walker St., No. Dighton, Laborer.

LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1963

The following licenses were issued during 1963: All Alcoholic Club License (2), All Alcoholic Common Victualler License (2), All Alcoholic Package Store License (2), Wines and Malt Beverages Package Store License (2), Temporary Wine and Malt Beverages License (12), Auctioneer's Licenses (5), Automobile Dealer's License—Class I (1), Class II (11), Class III (3), Building Permits—New Construction (36)—Alterations (36)—Sanitation (74)—Demolish (14), Cabins License (2), Common Victualler's (15), Denatured Alcohol (5), Garbage Permits (4), Gasoline Storage (2), Gravel Permits (5), Junk Collectors (1), Lord's Day Entertainment (26)—Lord's Day Sale (9), Oleomargarine License (7), Milk License—Store (11), Milk License—Vehicle (7), Oyster Bed Privileges (1), Sausage Permit (1), Trailers (12).

A dog racing meeting license to conduct a dog racing meeting was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. beginning August 26 to September 7, 1963 and also beginning September 16 to October 29, 1963. A dog racing meeting license was issued to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc. beginning September 9 to September 14, 1963.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1963 is as follows:

Appropriations

To be raised by taxation	\$669,479.96	
To be taken from available funds:		
Voted in 1963	66,812.83	
State Taxes	2,066.41	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,517.81	
Mosquito Control	2,328.80	
County Tax	20,350.71	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	7,277.81	
Overlay	25,864.52	
Gross amount to be raised		\$795,698.85

Estimated Receipts

Income Taxes	80,243.69
Corporation Taxes	40,716.00
Old Age Tax	1,626.06
Motor Vehicles & Trailer Excise	62,615.51
Licenses	3,176.72
Fines	200.00
Protection of Persons & Property	39.00
Health & Sanitation	1,400.00
Charities	4,901.56
Old Age Assistance	10,602.65
Veterans' Services	4,392.66
School	19,258.51
Interest	721.64
State Assistance for School Construction	11,792.02
Farm Animal Excise	156.57

Overestimates to be used as available funds	1,909.41	
Transferred from available funds	66,812.83	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$310,565.03
Net amount to be raised by taxes		\$485,133.82
Number of Polls—1106		
Taxes assessed on Polls	2,212.00	
Value of Personal Property	653,625.00	
Taxes assessed on Personal	56,211.75	
Value of Real Estate	4,961,745.00	
Taxes assessed on Real Estate	426,710.07	
Total Valuation	5,615,370.00	
Total Taxes		\$485,133.82
Tax Rate—\$86.00 per M		
Total number of persons assessed		1,226
Number of cares of land assessed		12,768
Number of dwelling houses assessed		1,006
Number of businesses assessed		38
Value of exempt property		38,559.38
Stock in trade		63,525.00
Machinery		103,650.00
Livestock		150.00
All other tangible personal property		486,300.00
Value of land		770,045.00
Value of buildings		4,191,700.00
Farm Animals Assessed	General	\$5 Excise
Number of horses		13
Number of cattle		166
Bulls		1
Yearlings: steers 1; heifers 21		22
Number of sheep	10	1
Number of fowl		5,642
All other		1
Taxes assessed on Motor Vehicles & Trailers		\$55,905.05

North Dighton Fire District

Appropriations		\$28,492.55	
State Audit of			
District Accounts		90.64	
Overlay		406.47	
Gross amount to be raised		<hr/>	\$28,989.66
Estimated Receipts		\$18,980.00	
Total estimated receipts			\$18,980.00
Net amount to be raised by taxes			\$10,009.66
Value of Personal			
Property	\$30,075.00		
Taxes on Personal		\$187.97	
Value of Real Estate	1,571,350.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		9,821.69	
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Total Valuation	\$1,601,425.00		
Total Taxes			\$10,009.66
	Tax Rate—\$6.25 per M		

Dighton Electric Light District

Appropriations		\$4,010.00	
State Audit of District Accounts		33.64	
Overlay		178.52	
Gross amount to be raised			
by taxes		<hr/>	\$4,222.16
Value of Personal			
Property	\$ 322,415.00		
Taxes on Personal		\$ 612.58	
Value of Real Estate	1,899,715.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		3,609.58	
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Total Valuation	\$2,222,130.00		
Total Taxes			\$4,222.16
	Tax Rate—\$1.90 per M		

Dighton Water District

Appropriations	\$52,770.00	
State Audit of District Accounts	184.47	
Overlay	1,253.83	
Gross amount to be raised		
by taxes	<hr/>	\$54,208.30
Estimated Receipts	\$25,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$25,000.00
Net amount to be raised by taxes		\$29,208.30
Value of Personal		
Property	\$ 329,215.00	
Taxes on Personal	\$ 3,950.58	
Value of Real Estate	2,104,810.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	<hr/>	<hr/>
		25,257.72
Total Valuation	\$2,434,025.00	
Total Taxes		\$29,208.30

Tax Rate—\$12.00 per M

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, Chairman

HOWELL S. CARR

LEO T. PIVIROTTO

Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Personal Property					
Outstanding December 31, 1962			\$358.65	\$682.48	\$56,211.75
Commitment					
Added Interest			5.84	7.14	.20
Total			<u>364.49</u>	<u>689.62</u>	<u>56,211.95</u>
Paid Treasurer			154.49	349.90	55,575.55
Abatements			126.00	129.75	245.10
Balance Due December 31, 1963			84.00	209.97	391.30
Total			<u>364.49</u>	<u>689.62</u>	<u>56,211.95</u>
Real Estate					
Outstanding December 31, 1962	\$129.80	\$235.40	8,344.39	19,795.97	426,710.07
Commitment					301.00
Refund Abatements				458.45	
Added Interest			462.36	372.43	73.55
Total	<u>129.80</u>	<u>235.40</u>	<u>8,806.75</u>	<u>20,626.85</u>	<u>427,084.62</u>
Paid Treasurer		46.80	7,983.95	14,647.96	400,070.83
Abatements		8.20	29.40	475.75	9,279.83
Tax Title			71.40	73.53	1,354.07
Balance Due December 31, 1963	129.80	180.40	722.00	5,429.61	16,379.89
Total	<u>129.80</u>	<u>235.40</u>	<u>8,806.75</u>	<u>20,626.85</u>	<u>427,084.62</u>

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Poll Tax	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Outstanding December 31, 1962			4.00	6.00	
Commitment					2,212.00
Added Interest			.10	.10	.75
Added Fees			1.20	1.55	65.60
Total			<u>5.30</u>	<u>7.65</u>	<u>2,278.35</u>
Paid Treasurer			5.30	7.65	1,930.35
Abatements					282.00
Balance Due December 31, 1963					66.00
Total			<u>5.30</u>	<u>7.65</u>	<u>2,278.35</u>
Farm Excise					
Outstanding December 31, 1962			2.08	86.41	156.57
Commitment					
Added Interest			.12	.38	
Refund Abatements					7.14
Total			<u>2.20</u>	<u>86.79</u>	<u>163.71</u>
Paid Treasurer			2.20	19.96	44.53
Abatements					14.02
Balance Due December 31, 1963				66.83	105.16
Total			<u>2.20</u>	<u>86.79</u>	<u>163.71</u>

Motor Vehicle Excise	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Outstanding December 31, 1962		858.13	738.89	7,007.99	
Added Commitments				1,054.60	
Commitments					55,905.05
Refund Abatements				202.01	751.84
Added Interest		.49	11.66	62.24	
Total		<u>858.62</u>	<u>750.55</u>	<u>8,326.84</u>	<u>56,656.89</u>
Paid Treasurer		20.90	348.07	6,636.52	40,991.29
Abatements		837.72	402.48	702.19	4,167.50
Balance Due December 31, 1963				988.13	11,498.10
Total		<u>858.62</u>	<u>750.55</u>	<u>8,326.84</u>	<u>56,656.89</u>

North Dighton Fire District—Personal					
Outstanding December 31, 1962		14.10			
Commitment					187.97
Added Interest			.70		
Total		<u>14.80</u>			<u>187.97</u>
Paid Treasurer					
Balance Due December 31, 1963		14.80			187.97
Total		<u>14.80</u>			<u>187.97</u>

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate					
Outstanding December 31, 1962			77.79	207.27	9,821.69
Commitment					
Added Interest			4.09	3.29	.95
Total			81.88	210.56	9,822.64
Paid Treasurer			72.48	166.70	9,600.11
Balance Due December 31, 1963			9.40	43.86	222.53
Total			81.88	210.56	9,822.64
Dighton Water District—Personal					
Outstanding December 31, 1962			23.10	55.93	3,950.58
Commitment					
Added Interest			.77	.80	.04
Total			23.87	56.73	3,950.62
Paid Treasurer			12.87	43.25	3,902.14
Abatements					16.50
Balance Due December 31, 1963			11.00	13.48	31.98
Total			23.87	56.73	3,950.62

Dighton Water District—Real Estate	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Outstanding December 31, 1962	29.15	28.80	742.76	1,708.64	
Commitment					25,257.72
Added Interest			43.06	23.56	3.66
Refund Abatements					6.00
Total	<u>29.15</u>	<u>28.80</u>	<u>785.82</u>	<u>1,732.20</u>	<u>25,267.38</u>
Paid Treasurer			715.42	1,202.71	23,734.92
Abatements		2.40	4.40	2.45	16.80
Tax Title					131.40
Balance Due December 31, 1963	29.15	26.40	66.00	527.04	1,384.26
Total	<u>29.15</u>	<u>28.80</u>	<u>785.82</u>	<u>1,732.20</u>	<u>25,267.38</u>

Dighton Electric Light District—Personal					
Outstanding December 31, 1962			1.76	9.36	
Commitment					612.58
Added Interest			.10	.16	
Total			<u>1.86</u>	<u>9.52</u>	<u>612.58</u>
Paid Treasurer			1.86	7.26	607.52
Balance Due December 31, 1963				2.26	5.06
Total			<u>1.86</u>	<u>9.52</u>	<u>612.58</u>

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Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate

Outstanding December 31, 1962	4.62	5.41	82.84	211.71	
Commitment					3,609.58
Added Interest			4.63	3.07	.36
Refund Abatements					.95

Total	4.62		87.47	214.78	3,610.89
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Paid Treasurer

Abatements		.46	73.63	145.64	3,410.97
Tax Title			4.24	.41	1.33

Balance Due December 31, 1963	4.62	4.95	9.60	68.73	17.67
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Total	4.62	5.41	87.47	214.78	3,610.89
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Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1963.

The department received 121 calls as follows: Automobile (3), Automobile Accidents (2), Bomb scare (2), Building (4), Brush (19), Checking Smoke (1), Chimney (5), Chemicals (1), Debris of old house (1), Dump (9), Dog through ice in river (1), Electric wire down (2), Electric Pole (1), False calls (3), Flood along river (1), Grease in range (2), Grass (26), Grass and Brush (8), Grass and Rubbish (1), Hot air Furnace (1), House (5), Mutual Aid (3), Open locked Apartment (1), Power mower (1), Private Dump (2), Rekindle (1), Rubbish (4), Resusciator, patient D.O.A. (1), Search for lost man (1), Truck, pickup (1), Woods (8).

The following are approximate figures on the amount of material and equipment used: 98,450 gallons of water, 21,390 feet of booster hose, 15,700 feet of forestry hose, 7,400 feet of 2½" hose, 5,950 feet of 1½" hose, 476 feet of ladders, 19 Hydrants, 8 CO2 Extinguishers, 1 Ancil, Portable generator and smoke ejector, Scott Air Packs, Brooms, Lights and chimney cleaners.

Permits issued: Oil burner (44), L. P. Gas (15), Explosives (8).

Bomb threats at the Junior High School and the Elementary School were investigated by the Fire Department and Police Department.

During the storm of November 30th, the Fire Department Skin Diving Team with the use of borrowed boats evacuated several families from the flooded lower Main St. area.

Engine #1 went to Norton to take part in their parade.

Engine #4 went to Raynham to take part in their parade.

Firefighters School was conducted under the direction of Capt. Furness of the New Bedford Fire Department.

Mutual Aid was rendered to Berkley and Taunton Fire Departments. Mutual Aid was received from Taunton and Somerset Fire Departments.

Fire Trucks took part in Kiddies Day and the Memorial Day Parade.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the Citizens of our town for the cooperation and assistance they have given the Fire Department and also for helping to keep our fire losses to a minimum during the year. I also wish to thank the members of the department for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS,

Chief of the Fire Department
and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report of the service rendered by the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1963.

During the year the ambulance made 108 runs as follows: To: Brockton Community Hospital, Brockton (1), Colonial Nursing Home, Warren, R.I. (3), Davis Park Veterans Hospital, Prov. (2), Dighton Nursing Home (7), Fuller Memorial Hospital, North Attleboro (1), General Hospital, Fall River (1), Home, Dighton (6), Morton Hospital, Taunton (51), Mass. Memorial Hospital, Boston (2), Pawtucket Memorial Hospital, Pawt., R.I. (1), Pratt Diagnostic Hospital, Boston (1), Pondville Hospital (2), St. Ann's Hospital, Fall River (2), Taunton State Hospital (1), Truesdale Hospital, Fall River (10), Union Hospital, Fall River (6), Ambulance not used (7), Ambulance not needed (4).

From: Automobile accidents, Cedarvale Nursing Home, Middleboro, Childrens Hospital, Boston, Colonial Nursing Home, Warren, R.I., Dighton Nursing Home, Dighton-Rehoboth School, Elementary School, Dighton, General Bronze, No. Dighton, Home, Dighton, Home, Fall River, I.C.I. Organics, Dighton, Mass. Memorial Hospital, Boston, Morton Hospital, Taunton, Knotty Pine Restaurant, Raytheon, Sickness in automobile on highway, Taunton Dog Track, Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Union Hospital, Fall River.

Patients handled (96), Patients administered oxygen (9), Patients D.O.A. (5), Accidents (5).

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS,

Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of police activities for the year 1963.

ARRESTS: Assault & Battery (8), Drunkenness (12), Neglect to Provide (1), Non-Payment of Taxes (1), Narcotics Drug Law (1), Delinquent Children (5), To Show Cause (2), Begetting (1), Driving to Endanger (1), Operating w/o License (1), Using Motor Vehicle w/o Authority (1), A.W.O.L. (1), Breaking Parole (1), Indecent assault on Child under 14 yrs. (1), Driving under the Influence (1), Obscene picture (1), Possession of Burglar Tools (1), Larceny under \$100.00 (1), Forgery (1), Disturbing the Peace (2).

Admitted to State Hospitals (4), Ambulance runs (10), Stolen cars (4) three were located, Breaks and attempted breaks (14), Missing Persons (9) all located, Suicides (2), Licenses to Carry Firearms issued (10), Licenses to sell Firearms issued (3). There were 643 complaints and requests received and acted on during the year.

I wish at this time to thank the Town Officials and the Citizens of Dighton for their cooperation in keeping crime down in Dighton.

I also wish to thank Sgt. O'Neil of the State Police and his Officers who have assisted me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Robert Nolan and Mr. Edward French of the Office of Surplus Property. They have again this year been very kind in allowing the Town of Dighton to procure much usable material from Surplus, which has helped each and every Department in the Town.

Also I wish to thank the Town Officials and all the Volunteers of Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. REBELLO,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for 1963.

Nine dogs were killed by vehicles. Three dogs were found and returned to their owners. Eleven complaints of dogs were acted on. All stray dogs were picked up and after being held for ten days, were turned over to the County.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The financial report and statistics of the Board of Public Welfare is submitted to give a complete and accurate status of the various categories of relief.

Aid to Families with Dependent Children program rendered financial assistance to 9 cases representing 5 adults and 21 children. Total expenditures amounted to \$12,317.65. Town appropriation of \$7,000.00 was supplemented by the sum of \$4,871.50 received from U. S. Grants. The amount of \$479.89 was transferred from the Reserve Account to meet the deficit for this category of relief. In addition to reimbursement from U. S. Grants, the sum of \$2,845.73 was reimbursed by the State. Although the State participates in reimbursement for all federally matched relief programs, and presently, for unsettled General Relief cases, reimbursement received from the State is applied to the Department Revenue Account rather than the respective category, therefore does not directly affect accounts for which reimbursement is received, such as the U. S. Grants.

Disability Assistance expenditures amounted to \$6,843.66 for aid to 6 cases. Town appropriation amounted to \$3,000.00 with total U. S. Grants of \$2,273.00, and State reimbursement in the amount of \$2,589.89. The sum of \$568.95 was transferred to meet needs.

General Relief expense for the year amounted to \$5,842.-06 for assistance to 11 cases representing 35 persons, and in addition, the sum of \$312.86 was paid to other cities and towns for aid to 2 cases having legal settlement in this town, therefore the total sum of \$6,154.92 was expended in this account. Accounts receivable amounted to \$3,873.82, due from other cities and towns where legal settlements were involved, therefore net expense is \$2,281.10. Chapter 726, Acts of 1963

repeals or amends certain sections of Chapter 117 of the General Laws which relate to legal settlement in determining the liability of a city or town for General Relief. In effect, the Act eliminates legal settlement and provides for State reimbursement of at least 20%. This Act becomes effective January 1, 1964.

Medical Assistance for the Aged expenditures amounted to \$13,796.99 for aid to 16 cases. Town appropriation of \$12,000.00 was far in excess of anticipated needs for this category due to the fact that case load decreased to 6 cases which are presently active. The sum of \$6,860.91 was received from the U. S. Grants with State reimbursement of \$5,353.91. Town appropriation showed a substantial balance of \$4,630.12.

Old Age Assistance expenditures amounted to \$30,129.26 for assistance to 28 cases. Town appropriation amounted to \$18,000.00 supplemented by U. S. Grants of \$15,719.70 and State reimbursement of \$10,435.03. Town appropriation showed a balance of \$3,806.59, with accounts receivable due from other cities and towns in the amount of \$450.02. Chapter 566, Acts of 1963 repeals legal settlement in determining the amount of reimbursement to be paid by the Commonwealth to cities and towns for Old Age Assistance. This Act, which is effective January 1, 1964, also increases State reimbursement to 70% of the remainder, after Federal reimbursement, as compared with the present 2/3.

Public Assistance Administration expenditures amounted to \$8,405.97. Reimbursement from U. S. Grants amounted to \$5,962.02, and in addition, the sum of \$1,600.26 was received from the State, therefore net town expense was \$843.69. Town appropriation of \$3,600.00 showed a balance of \$564.01 due to the fact that State reimbursement is not directly applied to the account.

Appreciation is expressed to the State Department of Public Welfare, District #5, and the Bureau of Accounts, for assistance in performing the varied social and fiscal problems involved in the administrative procedures.

The Taunton Greyhound Association, Christmas Fund of \$500.00, is gratefully acknowledged by this department and deeply appreciated by the recipients of this gift.

Thanks are extended to individuals and organizations for gifts and clothing donated to relief recipients, during the year.

The cooperation and efficient services rendered to this department by town officials and personnel is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,

Chairman

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,

FRANCIS J. TORRES,

Board of Public Welfare

BELIA M. BOUCHER,

Director of Public Assistance

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1963.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	18,479
Adults	9,637
Juvenile	8,080
Periodicals	762
Number of persons using the reading room	1,286
Collected in fines	\$50.33

During the year, 492 books were added, 8 of which were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY C. PILLING,

Librarian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Board of Health in providing health and sanitation service for 1963, spent \$4,414.33, which is \$29.33 over the amount appropriated.

During the past year, seventy-four sanitation permits and thirty new construction permits were issued. All necessary inspections were performed by Mr. Leo Duffy, our Sanitation Inspector.

The Board of Health continued its Polio program as outlined by the State Department of Health and held three Polio Clinics at which vaccine was available to all children under eighteen years of age and residents of Dighton. In addition to the Polio Clinics, our annual immunization and pre-school clinics were also held.

On May 26, 1963, a group of townspeople sponsored a testimonial banquet in honor of Dr. Charles Souza and Mrs. Esther Bowden in recognition of their many years of devoted and dedicated duty as Town Doctor and Town Nurse respectively. A scroll was presented to Dr. Souza and Mrs. Bowden on behalf of the Town by the Board of Health.

The State Department of Health, Tuberculosis Division, in conjunction with the Board of Health tested a group of migratory farm workers for tuberculosis and arranged a follow-up X-Rays for all positive reactors. At this time we would like to thank the many farmers for their cooperation on this project.

Mrs. Florence Duffy was appointed Town Nurse to replace Mrs. Esther Bowden who is on a leave of absence due to illness.

The Board at this time would like to extend its thanks to Dr. Charles Souza and Mrs. Florence Duffy for the efficient manner in which they conducted all business pertaining to health.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. TORRES, Chairman

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

Board of Health

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

In the absence of Mrs. Esther Bowden, R. N., who is on sick leave, I submit the following report.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine was given to 3,841 town children from 6 mons. to 18 yrs.

Jan. 22 - 25	Type I	1,233
Mar. 11 - 15	Type II	1,437
May 13 - 17	Type III	1,171

D. P. T. (Diphtheria, pertusis and tetanus) and D.T. injections were given by Dr. Souza to 163 pre-school, pre-primary and grades 1 - 6 - 11 on March 22, April 18 and May 17.

Small pox vaccinations were given to 19 pre-school children on May 17.

HOME VISITS

Number of visits	96
Total Mileage	768
Collected in fees	\$72.00

ADULT HEARING CLINIC

On May 1, eighteen adults were tested with the Maico Audiometer. Nine adults were referred to an ear specialist.

T. B. FOLLOW-UP

On August 20, a meeting was held with Miss Channing of the Mass. Dept. of Public Health to discuss the proper filing and follow-up on all active and inactive T. B. cases in the town.

MEETINGS

On October 23rd, at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, I was hostess for an In-Service Education Meeting of Public Health Nurses of the Southeastern Health District. The emotionally disturbed child in Massachusetts was discussed by Miss Helen Collins of the Mass. Dept. of Education. On December 10th, I attended a meeting of the same group in New Bedford. The workshop for School Nurses was discussed.

I wish to thank Mrs. Ted Maciejowski, R. N.; Mrs. Mahlon Booth, R. N.; Mrs. Henry Greenlaw, Mrs. Ernest Atwood, Mrs. Frank Lannon and Mrs. Donald French. They generously gave their time and effort to make the immunization clinics successful.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE DUFFY, R. N.,
Town Nurse

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

We wish to submit our annual report to the people of Dighton. This year was an expanding year for the department. It saw two ballfields added to the playgrounds and also an extended season at our regular playgrounds.

The second annual Kiddies Day was held on July 17th. The entire program, including a memorable parade, was a great success. We had T.V. celebrities—Salty Brine, Miss Bonnie Riker and Joel A. Spivak from W.P.R.O. T.V. and sport personality, Bob Cousy, all time Boston Celtic great. We also had the Honorable Francis X. Bellotti, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts as our guest.

The surrounding merchants donated prizes and refreshments, which were greatly appreciated.

We wish to thank all those who participated in the success of Kiddies Day, such as the Little League Auxiliary, Town Office personnel, Dighton Lion' Club, Dighton Fire Department, Dighton Police Department and especially the Dighton Street Department, whose help we needed so greatly. We also wish to thank the people of Dighton for their excellent cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL SANSON, Chairman
GEORGE WOLFENDEN, Clerk
HUMBERT COSTA

Playground Commisioners

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On April 15, 1963, I was notified of my appointment and approval by Dr. Samuel Kirkwood, Commissioner of Public Health, as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Dighton, for the year ending March 31, 1964.

A report has been mailed to the Dept. of Public Health, Boston, Mass. monthly. I have not been called upon for any inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY N. SYLVIA,
Inspector of Slaughtering

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1963

Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1962	\$178,867.18
Total Receipts in 1963	1,004,568.14
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	\$1,183,435.32
Selectmen's Warrants in 1963	\$ 961,294.83
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1963	222,140.49
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	\$1,183,435.32

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Board of Selectmen:

All meetings of the Planning Board were held on the second Wednesday of each month. All special meetings held, were posted seven days in advance. We have held several meetings with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel.

The Board will present a Zoning By-Law to the 1964 Annual Town Meeting for your consideration. It is our hope and desire that it will be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON H. HORTON, Chairman
LAWSON LeFORREST,

Vice Chairman

C. DOUGLASS GARNETT, Clerk
CHARLES BOISVERT

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1963.

I have tested, adjusted, and sealed the following:

26 Scales—9 adjusted.

8 Automatic measuring devices—2 adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Board of Selectmen and the Townspeople of Dighton:

Following the year of the May to November celebration of Dighton's 250th Anniversary, the year 1963 has seemed uneventful. Yet certain historical projects have been pushed toward completion.

First was the printing of the Town History and the first copies offered for sale immediately after the Annual March Town Meeting.

Second, the appointment of a Memorial Committee by vote of the town, and its organization with monthly meetings thereafter.

Third, a beginning of the restoration of the oldest town school house by replacing the north roof, the expense borne by the Dighton Historical Society.

Fourth, a small group from the Memorial Committee has assumed the task of mapping the old cemeteries of the town., giving locations, names and complete inscriptions, so far as they can be read.

Of course inquiries about old Dighton families have been answered. Books of clippings and photographs of Dighton people and places have been added to. The book of photographs of participants in the wars of this country has scarcely been started. If you can contribute a photograph, please write the name, date and anything you might wish to add, and leave it at the Town Office or at my home. Someone seeking information in 2062, may be very happy to find it.

Also, please help in the restoration of the old school by giving financial aid to money-making projects instituted by the Dighton Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Town appropriation of \$9,000.00 for Veterans' Benefits was adequate to meet the requirements in this department during the year, and showed a balance of \$315.18.

Assistance was granted to 11 cases representing 36 persons, with total expenditures of \$8,684.82, which includes administration costs of \$315.00.

State reimbursement was received in the amount of \$4,731.04, however since receipts from the State are applied to the Departmental Revenue Account, they do not directly affect the town appropriation. In determining the actual expenses to the town, the receipts are taken into consideration which would therefore show net expense of \$3,953.78 for benefits to veterans' and their dependents.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE BOUCHER,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Again this year, the activities of the waters of the Harbor of Dighton have expanded. From Peter's Point to the Somerset line is almost entirely taken up by small boat moorings.

Our channel is silting in, and is shoaler in many places than the chart indicates.

There is a growing demand for the town to establish a well developed launching site, as many of our townspeople own and use trailored boats.

The barge on State property opposite our main anchorage, could pose quite a threat to property in our town if it should come adrift in a strong southeast high water. To obliterate this problem, the State should be requested to properly secure or destroy this menace.

We have instituted a biennial inspection of all moorings to assure a safe anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD B. SHAW,
Harbor Master

REPORT OF SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report as Sanitation Inspector for the year 1963.

Sanitation permits issued:

New Construction and repairs to existing disposal systems	74
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Building permits issued:

New Construction	36
Alterations to existing buildings	36
Demolish existing buildings	14

All farm labor camps were inspected, as required by State statutes, by me and the Board of Health.

Complaints of unsanitary conditions and violations of health laws were investigated and satisfactory compliance attained in all cases.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. DUFFY, R. S.,
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1963 is as follows:

I visited and inspected fifty-five barns and found the following number of animals:

Cows	156
Heifers	77
Bulls	10
Horses	53
Sheep	61
Swine	53
Steer	28
Goats	3

The animals appeared healthy and the barns for the most part were clean. The inspection book was mailed to the Division of Livestock Disease Control, 41 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. on December 29, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY N. SYLVIA,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my third annual report as Town Accountant as required under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61—General Laws.

In Summary:

The Analysis of Receipts for 1963 totalling \$1,004,568.14 is a classification of all cash receipts which I have verified as far as possible comparing notices from the State, County, other Agencies and cash turnover sheets from the Collector.

The Departmental Disbursements for 1963 totalling \$961,294.-83 is a classification of all expenditures including those funds managed by the Treasurer as Trustee and showing in detail the purpose for which the money was spent.

The Departmental Statement for 1963 shows the amount of each appropriation, the expenditures therefrom and balances at the end of the fiscal year.

The Balance Sheet for 1963 shows a balance of \$89,842.43 in Excess & Deficiency Surplus Revenue and "free cash" was certified by the Bureau of Accounts as \$65,961.36.

Payrolls — 207 employees with gross earnings of \$303,098.93.

My sincere appreciation is extended to all persons who cooperated with me in performing my duties including Officers, Personnel and Townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE WILSON,
Town Accountant

Accountant's Analysis of Receipts for The Year 1963

Taxes

Motor Vehicle

1959	\$ 6.01	
1960	20.41	
1961	336.41	
1962	6,574.28	
1963	40,991.29	
	<hr/>	\$47,928.40

Real Estate

1960	46.80	
1961	7,521.59	
1962	14,275.53	
1963	399,997.28	
	<hr/>	421,841.20

Poll

1961	4.00	
1962	6.00	
1963	1,864.00	
	<hr/>	1,874.00

Personal Property

1961	148.65	
1962	342.76	
1963	55,575.35	
	<hr/>	56,066.76

Farm Excise

1961	2.08	
1962	19.58	
1963	44.53	66.19
	<hr/>	527,776.55

Interest on Taxes

Real Estate	901.87	
Personal Property	13.18	
Motor Vehicle Excise	81.25	
Farm Excise	.50	
Poll	.95	
Fees & Costs	68.35	
	<hr/>	1,066.10

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Tax Titles Sales & Redemption	961.69
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Tax Titles Costs & Interest	179.49
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- Excess Sales of Land of Low Value	43.84
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Departmental Revenue

A.F.D.C. Admin.	536.97
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D.A. Admin.	175.27
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M.A.A. Admin.	221.45
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O.A.A. Admin.	666.57
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A.F.D.C.	2,845.73
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D.A.	2,589.89
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M.A.A.	5,353.91
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O.A.A.	10,435.03
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Town Office	200.00
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Dighton Berkley Bridge	52.72
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Board of Health	1,037.42
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Pumping Services	45.00
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Street Department	80.70
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School Department	350.00
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Veterans' Services	4,731.04
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General Relief	3,393.82
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Aid to Highways Revenue

State

Chapter 81	16,615.19
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Chapter 90 Maint.	1,700.00
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Chapter 90 Elm St.	750.14
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Chapter 782	8,884.34
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County

Chapter 90 Maint.	1,700.00
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Chapter 90 Elm St.	375.07
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U.S. Grants

A.F.D.C.	4,871.50	
D.A.	2,273.00	
O.A.A.	15,719.70	
M.A.A.	6,860.91	
	<hr/>	29,725.11
A.F.D.C. Admin.	3,042.56	
D.A. Admin.	506.32	
O.A.A. Admin.	1,763.46	
M.A.A. Admin.	649.68	
	<hr/>	5,962.02
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		35,687.13

Agency Accounts

County Retirement	4,464.21	
Federal Taxes	41,298.00	
State Taxes	3,613.53	
Teachers' Retirement	8,356.96	
Washington Insurance	320.40	
Contributory Group Insurance	3,897.68	
Employees' Insurance Deductions	268.15	
Dog Licenses	891.25	
Sale of Dogs	111.00	
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	382.62	
Charles S. Chase Fund	19.42	
Fire Dept.—Special—Dog Track	2,128.00	
Police Dept.—Special— Dog Track	13,392.00	
Police Dept.—Special— Rehoboth Fair	854.00	
Police Dept.—Special— Raytheon	3,600.00	
Police Dept.—Special— D-R Reg. School	70.00	
Miscellaneous	8.59	
	<hr/>	83,676.36

Refunds

Aid Families—Dependent Children	570.00
Disability Assistance	9.15

Medical Assistance Aged	15.00	
Old Age Assistance	21.50	
General Relief	10.65	
Library Check Refund	1.75	
	<hr/>	628.05

County of Bristol

Boarding of Dogs Refund	570.00	
Dog Fund	568.16	
Court Fines	216.00	
	<hr/>	1,354.16

School Cafeteria

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	7,724.04	
Elementary & Jr. High Schools	21,602.01	
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Licenses, Permits & Fees

Advertising Fees	33.80
Sunday Entertainment Licenses	76.00
General Permits	15.00
Package Store Licenses	600.00
Club Licenses	1,000.00
Restaurant Licenses	1,000.00
Beer & Wine Licenses	67.00
Milk Licenses	9.50
Oleo Licenses	3.00
Building Permits	293.00
Common Victualler Licenses	75.00
Firearms & Guns Permits	50.00
Oyster Bed Privileges Permit	75.00
Sealer of Weights Fees	30.00
Denatured Alcohol Licenses	5.00
Garbage Permits	8.00
Cabin Licenses	.50
Alteration Permits	10.00
Lord's Day Licenses	24.00
Gasoline Storage Permits	5.00
Auctioneer Licenses	22.00

Junk Collectors Permist	5.00	
Sausage Mfgr. Permit	5.00	
Motor Vehicle Licenses	95.00	
Sanitation Permits	87.00	
	<hr/>	3,593.80
Donations—Christmas Fund Taunton Greyhound		500.00
Anniversary Books		58.00
Anniversary Coins		15.00
Town History Books		875.00
Receipts—Kiddies Day		161.06
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Income Tax	13,805.00	
Meals Tax	1,696.38	
Business Corporation Tax	41,709.46	
School Aid—Chap. 645	11,792.02	
School Aid—Chap. 70	59,880.18	
Vocational Transportation	636.60	
School Transportation	15,868.27	
Tuition Transportation	875.28	
School Supt. Reimbursement	1,385.56	
Aid to Libraries—Chap. 78	942.25	
Reimbursement Loss of Taxes	404.85	
School Aid—Chap. 69 & 71	2,748.94	
Civic Education	5.80	
	<hr/>	151,750.59
Miscellaneous		
Librarian's Receipts	74.30	
Road Machinery Fund	3,748.93	
Personal Phone Calls	9.95	
Sale of Surplus Property	220.60	
School Receipts	10.04	
Employers Compensation State Taxes	37.79	

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Tax Anticipation Loan	100,000.00	
Police Insurance Premium	9.90	
Nurses Receipts	63.00	
Purchase from Street Dept.	.50	
	<hr/>	104,175.01
Total Receipts		1,004,568.14
Cash Balance 1/1/63		178,867.18
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		\$1,183,435.32

DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS

1963

Accountant's Analysis of Expenditures for The Year 1963

General Government

Town Office

Salaries

Senior Clerk	\$3,653.00
Junior Clerk	2,640.00
Clerical	236.88

\$6,529.88

Supplies, Printing, Postage	100.86
Advertising	80.35
Legal References & Fees	613.93
Printing Town Reports	889.00
Printing Valuation Books	1,352.00
Survey for Town Office	261.50
Repairs	10.00
Miscellaneous	70.35

9,907.87

Selectmen

Salaries	2,400.00
Supplies, Printing, Postage	174.45
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	156.70
Telephone	225.95
Equipment Repairs	27.00

2,984.10

Assessors

Salaries	3,000.00
Supplies, Printing, Postage	196.56
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	206.26
Telephone	31.00
Revising Map	500.00
Equipment Repairs	36.84

3,970.66

Accountant

Salary	4,160.00
Supplies, Printing, Postage	42.50

Dues, Meetings, Mileage	72.12	
Equipment Repairs	41.54	
Binding	76.44	
	<hr/>	4,392.60
Clerk		
Salary	1,000.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	91.35	
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	63.26	
Telephone	53.85	
Clerical	72.96	
Miscellaneous	12.50	
	<hr/>	1,293.92
Collector		
Salary	2,000.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	566.91	
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	60.03	
Telephone	52.75	
Clerical	190.08	
Miscellaneous	41.05	
	<hr/>	2,910.82
Treasurer		
Salary	1,200.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	428.40	
Dues, Meetings, Mileage	88.87	
Telephone	88.30	
Equipment Repairs	97.44	
Clerical	28.80	
	<hr/>	1,931.81
Planning Board		
Assessment	150.76	
Forms	17.97	
	<hr/>	168.73
Finance Committee		
Dues	15.00	15.00
Election & Registration		
Salaries		
Registrars	400.00	
Census	445.00	

Election Officers	216.00		
Policemen & Janitors	70.00		
Clerical	216.52		
		1,347.52	
Supplies, Printing, Postage		99.17	
Telephone		17.70	
Mileage		3.04	
Miscellaneous		6.00	
			1,473.43
Town History Account			
History Books		4,525.00	4,525.00
Segregansett River Litigation		1,088.00	1,088.00
Conservation Commission		25.00	25.00
Protection of Persons & Property			
Fire Department			
Wages			
Firemen	3,896.94		
Chief	540.00		
Deputy Chiefs	240.00		
Janitors	360.00		
		5,036.94	
Gas & Oil		309.24	
Water, Light, Fuel		1,135.92	
Telephone		908.01	
Equipment & Repair		2,725.18	
Building		165.85	
Miscellaneous		37.60	
			10,318.74
Fire Department—Special			
Dog Track		2,128.00	2,128.00
Police Department			
Salary Chief		5,200.00	
Policemen		858.90	
Telephone		578.52	

Dues, Meetings, Mileage	63.00	
Gas & Oil	511.70	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	51.10	
Equipment & Repairs	638.60	
Clothing	100.00	
Out of State Travel	200.00	
Out of State Investigation	70.06	
Miscellaneous	10.67	
	<hr/>	8,282.55
Police Department—Special		
Raytheon	3,600.00	
Dog Track	13,392.00	
Rehoboth Fair	854.00	
D-R Regional School	70.00	
	<hr/>	17,916.00
Fire Dept. 1963 Radio Purchase	1,594.00	1,594.00
Dog Officer		
Salary	50.00	
Fees	630.00	
Printing	6.50	
	<hr/>	686.50
Town Insurance		
Vehicles	2,149.00	
Fire	2,351.17	
Bonds	578.90	
Firemen & Policemen	661.00	
Workmen's Compensation	1,984.07	
	<hr/>	7,724.14
Hydrant Rental		
Water District	1,050.00	
Fire District	690.00	
	<hr/>	1,740.00
Civilian Defense		
Clerical	36.00	
Electricity	85.54	
Telephone	106.71	
Mileage - Lunches	27.08	

Printing & Supplies	33.51	
Equipment & Repairs	723.42	
Surplus Property	499.50	
Miscellaneous	53.02	
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		1,564.78
Contributory Group Insurance		
Boston Mutual Life Insurance	1,374.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	6,390.22	
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		7,764.22
Health & Sanitation		
Board of Health HH		
Salaries		
Administration	700.00	
Nurse	1,599.08	
Milk Inspector	41.66	
Animal Inspector	250.00	
Sealer of Weights	125.00	
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	2,715.74	
Sanitation Inspectors Fees	215.00	
Medical (Clinics etc.)	68.33	
T.B. Hospital Expenses	256.25	
Premature Births	838.50	
Vital Statistics	182.00	
Telephone	48.30	
Miscellaneous	90.21	
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		4,414.33
Ambulance		
Drivers	402.47	
Gas & Oil	73.32	
Laundry	45.95	
Repairs & Equipment	106.35	
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		628.09
Care of Town Dumps		
Wages	1,872.00	
Maintenance	153.46	
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		2,025.46
Mosquito Control	250.00	250.00

Highways - Public Works

Cemeteries Public Property	80.00	80.00
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Street Department

Wages	12,358.62	
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Materials—Equip. Rental	3,035.55	
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Supplies & Repairs	435.50	
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Lights	358.69	
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Signs	68.63	
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Traffic Control	337.81	
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Snow & Ice Removal

Equipment	1,095.25	
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Material	2,131.66	
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Labor	2,054.85	
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	5,281.76	
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Williams Street Layout	1,660.00	
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Miscellaneous	124.00	
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Building

Water, Light, Fuel	288.79	
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Telephone	150.67	
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Supplies	144.54	
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Equipment & Repairs	276.49	
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	860.49	
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	24,521.05	
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Dighton-Berkley Bridge

Tender's Salary	840.00	
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Power	15.40	
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Repairs	160.32	
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	1,015.72	
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Insect Pest Control	310.00	310.00
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Brush Control	481.00	481.00
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Shade Tree Account	460.08	460.08
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Care of Town Elms	660.75	660.75
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Road Machinery Account

Gas & Oil	1,921.65	
Parts & Repairs	4,684.83	
Equipment	175.00	
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Gasoline Account	2,196.72	2,196.72
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Chapter 81—Highway Fund

Labor	11,689.40	
Materials	3,695.45	
Equipment	5,865.15	
	<hr/>	21,250.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Labor	215.60	
Materials	4,121.40	
Equipment	763.00	
	<hr/>	5,100.00

Chapter 90—Elm St. Construction

Labor	308.50	
Materials	206.97	
Equipment	73.00	
	<hr/>	588.47

Highway Equipment Purchase	3,786.72	3,786.72
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Public Assistance

Public Assistance Administration

Director of Public Assistance Salary	5,880.16	
Administration Salaries	1,000.00	
Clerical	877.64	
Telephone, Postage, Supplies	320.47	
Meetings, Lunches & Dues	113.70	
Director's Mileage	200.00	
Miscellaneous	14.00	
	<hr/>	8,405.97

Aid Families with Dependent Children

Cash	10,394.75	
Medical	2,024.90	
	<hr/>	12,419.65

Disability Assistance

Cash	3,761.80	
Medical	3,081.86	
	<hr/>	6,843.66

Medical Assistance for Aged

Cash	352.50	
Medical	13,444.49	
	<hr/>	13,796.99

Old Age Assistance

Cash	26,116.95	
Medical	4,012.31	
Outside Relief	408.76	
	<hr/>	30,538.02

Veteran's Benefits

Agent's Salary	300.00	
Cash	6,494.99	
Medical	1,219.16	
Clothing, Rent, Groceries	301.67	
Fuel	354.00	
Agent's Dues	15.00	
	<hr/>	8,684.82

General Relief Welfare

Cash	2,298.00	
Medical	972.67	
Clothing, Rent, Groceries	1,844.49	
Light & Fuel	70.90	
Outside Relief	312.86	
Work Relief Payroll	656.00	
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Schools & Library**School Department**

Administrator's Salary	2,988.96	
Other General Salaries	3,104.28	
General Expenses	692.09	
Teachers' Salaries	171,090.57	
Text Books & Supplies	7,328.47	
Tuition	807.51	
Transportation	19,955.97	
Maintenance Bldg. & Grounds	2,903.22	
Janitors' Salaries	17,205.60	
Janitors' Supplies	1,428.40	
Supplies—Building	447.62	
Stage Curtain—Jr. High	806.00	
Light, Water, Gas	4,450.58	
Fuel	4,674.59	
Telephones	421.45	
Repairs & Equipment	2,552.58	
Health	2,396.79	
Household Arts	92.39	
Industrial Arts	368.90	
Truant Officer	50.00	
School Car	227.22	
Miscellaneous	271.08	
	<hr/>	244,264.27

Jr. High & Elementary Cafeteria

Salaries	10,861.60	
Food	18,982.14	
Laundry	125.80	
Repairs & Equipment	332.17	
Supplies	16.00	
Pest Control	48.00	
	<hr/>	30,365.71

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District 194,728.63

Public Library

Librarian's Salary	1,000.00
Assistant	20.75

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Meetings & Courses	79.40	
Janitor	240.00	
Books	1,831.66	
Periodicals	124.57	
Water, Light, Fuel	216.46	
Telephone	85.25	
Supplies	43.52	
Repairs	317.57	
Miscellaneous	41.00	
	<hr/>	4,000.18

Miscellaneous

Civic Center Maintenance		
Light & Water	51.48	
Fuel	241.99	
Repairs	11.00	
	<hr/>	304.47

Playground Recreation

Supervisors	400.00	
Care of Grounds	434.87	
Equipment & Repairs	127.62	
Telephone Calls	18.28	
Insurance	35.90	
Transportation	160.00	
Film Rental	15.00	
Fence Installation	360.00	
Baseball Fields	500.00	
Miscellaneous	50.30	
	<hr/>	2,101.97

Kiddies' Day (7/17/63)

Food	157.64	
Floats	25.59	
Supplies	4.96	
Drinks	206.80	
Entertainment	60.00	
Lunch for Celebrities	35.00	
	<hr/>	489.99

(Note: Receipts turned in to the Treasurer
for Kiddies' Day amounted to 161.06)

Memorial Day Obervance	192.00	192.00
Christmas Fund—Taunton Greyhound Given to Relief Recipients & Needy	500.00	500.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Account Advertising & Services	742.76	742.76
Tax Titles Refund	42.79	42.79
Taxes & Assessments		
B.C. Tuberculosis Hospital		7,277.81
Bristol County Retirement Association		6,659.69
County of Bristol		19,213.75
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		6,128.26
Refunds		
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	953.85	
Real Estate Taxes	759.45	
Farm Excise Taxes	7.14	
	<hr/>	1,720.44
Agency Accounts		
County Retirement	4,464.21	
Federal Taxes	41,298.55	
State Taxes	3,613.53	
Teachers' Retirement	8,356.96	
Washington National Insurance	320.40	
Sales & Licenses—Dogs	1,002.25	
Miscellaneous	8.59	
	<hr/>	59,064.49
Trust Funds		
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	19.42	
Cemeteries Perpetual Care Funds	382.62	
	<hr/>	402.04

Tax Anticipation Loans	100,000.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	555.11
Elementary School Bonds	25,000.00
Interest on School Building Loan	4,290.00
Total Expenditures	963,844.13
Transfers within accounts	2,549.30
Total Cash Expenditures	<hr/> \$ 961,294.83
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1963	222,140.49
	<hr/> \$1,183,435.32

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DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT

1963

	Balance 1/1/63	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfer	Balance 12/31/63
Town Office		10,590.00			9,907.87		682.13
Selectmen		2,900.00	84.10	2,984.10	2,984.10		
Assessors		4,000.00			3,970.66		29.34
Accountant		4,510.00			4,392.60		117.40
Clerk		1,320.00			1,293.92		26.08
Collector		2,940.00			2,910.82		29.18
Treasurer		1,935.00			1,931.81		3.19
Dog Officer		600.00	86.50	686.50	686.50		
Planning Board		330.00			168.73		161.27
Finance Committee		50.00			15.00		35.00
Election & Registration		1,475.00			1,473.43		1.57
Town Insurance		8,103.14			7,724.14		379.00
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00			1,740.00		
Cemeteries Public Property		350.00			80.00		270.00
Civic Center Maintenance		275.00	29.47	304.47	304.47		
Town By-Laws Revision	235.00						235.00
Town Forest	750.00						750.00
Microfilming Project	262.84					262.84	
Town History Account	4,475.58		49.42	4,525.00	4,525.00		
Segregansett River Litigation		5,000.00			1,088.00		3,912.00
Fire Department		10,003.50	315.24	10,318.74	10,318.74		
Fire Special—Dog Track		2,128.00			2,128.00		

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	Balance 1/1/63	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfer	Balance 12/31/63
South Fire Station	21.38					21.38	
Police Department		8,950.00			8,282.55		667.45
Police Special—Dog Track		13,392.00			13,392.00		
Police Special—Rehoboth Fair		854.00			854.00		
Police Special—Raytheon		3,600.00			3,600.00		
Police Special—D.R. Reg. School		70.00			70.00		
Police Cruiser Account	1.60					1.60	
Fire Dept. Radio Purchases		1,623.50			1,594.00		29.50
Board of Health		4,385.00	29.33	4,414.33	4,414.33		
Town Ambulance		700.00			628.09		71.91
Town Dump		2,200.00			2,025.46		174.54
Mosquito Control		250.00			250.00		
Street Department		36,500.00			24,521.05	2,781.48	9,197.47
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		1,000.00	15.72	1,015.72	1,015.72		
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,000.00					1,000.00
Insect Pest Control		542.00			310.00		232.00
Brush Control		750.00			481.00		269.00
Shade Tree Account		500.00			460.08		39.92
Care of Town Elms		2,500.00			660.75		1,839.25
Road Machinery Account		4,000.00	2,781.48	6,781.48	6,781.48		
Gasoline Account			2,459.80	2,769.57	2,196.72		572.85
Chapter 81—Highway	309.77	21,250.00			21,250.00		
Chapter 90—Maintenance		5,100.00			5,100.00		
Chapter 90— Dighton-Berkley Bridge	9,870.00	6,300.00		16,170.00			16,170.00

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	Balance 1/1/63	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfer	Balance 12/31/63
Chapter 90—Elm St.	3,139.31				588.47	2,550.84	60,000.00
Chapter 90—Williams St.	40,000.00	20,000.00		60,000.00			
Highway Equipment Purchases	1,585.51					1,585.51	
1963 Highway Equipment Purchases			4,101.01		3,786.72		314.29
Elm & Hart Streets Improvement Project			8,884.34				8,884.34
Public Assistance Administration		3,600.00			3,035.99		564.01
Aid Families Dependent Children		7,000.00	479.89	7,479.89	7,479.89		
Disability Assistance		3,000.00	1,464.01	4,464.01	4,464.01		
Medical Assistance for Aged		12,000.00			7,369.88		4,630.12
Old Age Assistance		18,000.00			14,193.41		3,806.59
Veterans' Benefits		9,000.00			8,684.82		315.18
General Relief Welfare		5,000.00	1,154.92	6,154.92	6,154.92		
School Department		243,316.00	948.27	244,264.27	244,264.27		
Jr. High & Elementary Cafeteria	1,166.70	29,326.05		30,492.75	30,365.71		127.04
Public Library		3,500.00	568.16	4,068.16	4,000.18		67.98
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District		194,728.63		194,728.63	194,728.63		
County Retirement Fund		4,464.21			4,464.21		
Federal Withholding Taxes		41,298.55			41,298.55		
State Withholding Taxes		3,613.53			3,613.53		
Mass. Teachers Retirement Fund		8,356.96			8,356.96		
Washington National Insurance		320.40			320.40		
Proceeds Sale of Dogs		111.00			111.00		
Proceeds from Dog Licenses		891.25			891.25		

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	Balance 1/1/63	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional		Balance 12/31/63
			Appropriations & Transfers	Total	
Christmas Fund—Taunton Greyhound		500.00			
Contributory Group Insurance	1,596.85	6,897.68		8,494.53	730.31
Employees' Group Insurance Deductions		268.15			268.15
Civilian Defense Account		1,555.00	326.00	1,881.00	210.82
Playground & Recreation		2,432.00			30.03
Memorial Day Observance		200.00			8.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Account		700.00	42.76	742.76	
Tax Possession Account		100.00			100.00
Conservation Commission		200.00			175.00
County Retirement Assessment		6,659.69		25.00	
Reserve Account Appropriated		5,000.00		6,659.69	
Proceeds Chapter 782		8,884.34			55.27
Kiddies Day		300.00	189.99	489.99	
Elementary School Bonds		25,000.00			4,944.73
Interest on School Bonds		4,290.00			8,884.34
Tax Anticipation Loan		100,000.00			
Interest on Revenue Loan		500.00	55.11	555.11	
Dog Fund from County		568.16			568.16
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	17.02	19.42		36.44	17.02
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fuinds		382.62		382.62	
Total Appropriatd Balances Transferred to 1963 Revenue					25,863.74
Deficit Estimated short of Assessors Estimate					3,633.60
Surplus 1963 Revenue Transferred to Excess & Deficiency					22,230.14

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 1963

	Outstanding 1/1/63	Rate of Interest	Year Liquidated	Paid out 1963	Outstanding 12/31/63	Amount Due 1964
Elementary School Building						
General Debt within statutory debt limit	54,000.00	2.20	1971	6,000.00	48,000.00	6,000.00
General Debt outside statutory debt limit	141,000.00	2.20	1971	19,000.00	122,000.00	19,000.00
	195,000.00			25,000.00	170,000.00	25,000.00

DEBT ACCOUNTS	
Net Funded Debt	170,000.00
Elementary School Bonds	170,000.00
TRUST ACCOUNTS	
Trust Funds: Cash in Savings Banks	17,108.53
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	10,334.96
Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,717.58
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	1,055.99
	<u>17,108.53</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$523,575.09</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$523,575.09

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1963

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Thomas C. Sherman, Chairman 242 Bedford Street, North Dighton	1964
Mrs. Marie Medeiros, Secretary Elm Street, Dighton	1966
Antone Compos, Financial Secretary 32 Elm Street, Dighton	1965
Lawrence D. Dutra Somerset Avenue, Dighton	1965
Charles E. McKenna 2136 Pleasant Street, Dighton	1964
Spencer D. Oehrle Center Street, Segreganset	1964
William B. Wynne Smith Street, North Dighton	1965

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed. M.

Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton

Office: Dighton-Rehoboht Regional High School, Rehoboth

Telephone: (Office) BL 2-4500

(Home) VA 2-7323

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by
appointment.

SECRETARY

Gladys P. Babbitt

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Florence A. Duffy, R.N.

ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR

Frank Rogers

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary and Junior High Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River, also WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee
1963 — 1964

DIGHTON**Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools**

School opens September 4, 1964

Closes December 20, 1963 74 days

School opens January 2, 1964

Closes February 21, 1964 37 days

School opens March 2, 1964

Closes April 17, 1964 34 days

School opens April 27, 1964

Closes June 19, 1964 40 days

Total 185 days

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 25, 1963—Teachers Convention

November 11, 1963—Veterans Day

November 28 & 29, 1963—Thanksgiving Recess
(Close at noon Nov. 27)

March 27, 1964—Good Friday

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$243,316.00
Additional Appropriation	948.27
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	\$244,264.27

Expenditures

General Control	\$ 9,929.23
Transportation	19,685.78
Teachers Salaries	167,879.93
Books	3,298.18
Supplies	3,623.52
Janitors Salaries	17,045.60
Fuel	4,674.59
Electricity	3,610.67
Gas	524.22
Water	315.69
Music	89.61
Janitor Supplies	1,760.92
Miscellaneous	1,165.41
Boiler Supplies	89.75
Repairs	1,707.27
Health	2,396.79
New Equipment	2,555.02
Outside Painting	1,850.00
Staff Expenses	51.31
Household Arts	92.39
Industrial Arts	398.87
Evening Practical Arts	699.00
Tuition—Day & Evening School	731.01
Repairing Driveway	89.50
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	\$244,264.27

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1963		\$244,264.27
Receipts: 1963		
General State Aid, Chapter 70	\$64,789.95	
Reimbursement, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	1,385.56	
Transportation	15,868.27	
Reimbursement, Vocational Education	636.00	
State Wards, Tuition and Transportation	875.28	
Special Education, Chapter 69	2,748.94	
Tuition - Elementary	350.00	
Miscellaneous receipts	7.85	
Total Receipts, 1963	<hr/>	86,662.45
Net Cost to Town		<hr/> \$157,601.82

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my ninth annual report as Superintendent of Schols in Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals, the Music Supervisors and the School Nurse.

Program

The modern mathematics program has been introduced into our curriculum this year. We have the program operating in grades four and seven. Phases of the program have been introduced in other grades. Teachers have been studying the new program with Miss Dorothy Beckwith the elementary supervisor.

At the junior high school level surveys of the Enlis,h social studies and science programs will be conducted by the teachers in the various subjects along with the junior high school teachers in Berkley and Rehoboth. Department heads at the Regional High School will act as coordinators in this survey.

Latin has been introduced in the eighth grade on a trial basis. A student taking this program should be able to take a second language during his first year in high school.

The pre-primary class at the elementary school was dropped because of lack of room when it became necessary to have four first grades.

Personnel

Three elementary teachers left us at the end of the 1962-63 school year. Mrs. Mary Fanjoy left to be at home and Mrs. Susan Sokoloff left to be with her husband who was transferred to Lynn. Miss Ann Fitzsimmons left and is teaching in Taunton. Miss Stephanie Rozowicz, a graduate of Lesley College was hired to replace Mrs. Sokoloff. Miss Jo-Anne Scaldini who took education courses at Harvard replaced Mrs. Fanjoy. Miss Janet MacBeth who taught at Walnut Hill

School for two years was hired to teach fifth grade in Miss Fitzsimmons place. Mrs. Mary Dewey of Taunton was appointed to the third fifth grade. Miss Roberta Babbitt the former pre-primary teacher was transferred to grade one.

At the Junior High School, Mrs. Eunisa Wordell returned to teach English after being at Apponequet Regional High School for a year. Mr. Arthur Kenyon the boys physical education teacher returned to study at Boston University and was replaced by Mr. William Horner a graduate of Barrington College.

Mr. Charles Lincoln, instrumental music teacher left to teach in Pembroke. He was replaced by Mr. David Watson who taught in Berkley and Rehoboth. Mr. Peter Denison was hired as a full-time speech therapist for Union #37. He now spends approximately two days per week in Dighton.

School Plant

During the past year the exterior of both schools was painted. It was also necessary to build a small generator house at the Junior High School and the generator will be moved from the electrical room into that building this spring. There were many other minor repairs made at both schools. The janitors at the Elementary School painted some of the desks and put new plastic tops on them. This was a big improvement to the appearance of the building.

This year we hope to paint the interior of both schools. The Junior High School will have to be repointed in several places and some plaster will be replaced inside.

Our custodians have worked hard to keep our buildings in good repair.

Budget

The increases in the budget again this year is attributed to salaries. Some of the increases given in September 1963 are being paid for this year. We are using the same salary

schedule that we adopted last year, and there will be no raises except for the normal increments in the teachers salaries. The custodians will receive a two dollar per week increase. Books and supply figures will be increased due to increased enrollments and increased costs. Transportation will drop about \$1800.00 due to the low bid by the Midway Bus Company.

The overall increase in the budget is approximately 8%.

Conclusion

During the past year many of our faculty have been ill and I wish to commend the faculty as a whole for the way they have worked to make up for these absences. I also wish to thank the elementary teachers for their work in making our new arithmetic program a success.

I wish to thank the principals, custodians and cafeteria workers for their cooperation.

Much credit is due the School Committee and Citizens of Dighton who provide the necessary materials to enable us to have a good educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as the principal of the Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment

School opened this September with a membership of 201 students. The peak enrollment for the year was 218 students. Current enrollment is 202.

Curriculum

The realization that past performances are not enough to meet the challenge of the modern world has brought together educators who in keeping this thought uppermost in their minds have instituted many changes in teaching methods and subject matter. In keeping with this spirit of progress, we have adopted the S. M. S. G. modern mathematics program. The objectives of this program are (1) to get a proper balance between reasoning and drill (2) to help students understand the structure of mathematics, its sequence and order, and (3) to prepare them for the next steps in mathematical learning.

In a meeting of the superintendent with principals of Union 37, and the principal of the regional high school, it was decided that a language program should begin at the junior high school level. After several meetings and much discussion, it was decided that Latin should be introduced to a group of high ability students. The program thus far has proved successful and extremely worth-while.

In an attempt to strengthen reading skills, we have adopted the S. R. A. Reading Laboratories and have integrated them into our reading program. This is multi-level reading concept and is designed to increase the student's reading

comprehension, and retention, accelerates the student's ability to perceive main ideas and separate them from un-important incidentals.

Every effort is made by the administration to keep the Dighton schools in "tune with the times" and to provide each student with the best educational opportunities available.

Guidance

For the first time, a trained guidance teacher was made available to the students to assist them toward their educational and vocational objectives.

A comprehensive testing service is conducted in psychological and achievement testing areas. Individual testing is provided whenever necessary.

In addition to the services provided within our school system, outside community agencies are utilized when we feel this would be beneficial.

Extra-Curricula Activities

Athletics Our boys participate in a comprehensive athletic program which includes basketball, baseball, touch-football, track, cross-country. Games are scheduled with schools from neighboring communities in basketball and baseball. In an effort to give all of the boys an opportunity to participate, a program of intra-mural events is provided.

The girls of our school participate in an athletic program which includes basketball and softball. These are played with other schools as well as in an intra-mural program.

Other extra-curricula activities include glee club, band, science fair, year book, literature club, art club and cheerleaders. These activities give the student a chance to work with his fellow students in some experience.

Miscellany

Our building provides a challenge to our maintenance staff who are more than equal to the task. Our custodians are

to be commended for their co-operative attitude to the many demands made of them.

The students, thanks to the cafeteria staff, are provided a well-planned and well-balanced meal daily. An "A" type meal is provided with the co-operation of the National School Lunch Program.

This report of progress and any future progress is made because of the complete co-operation of a fine faculty. I would like to express my appreciation to them for their devotion to their profession and their high professional ideals.

In closing, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to you, and to the school committee for their interest and complete co-operation. I would like also to express our appreciation to the citizens of the community who have always lent their support and understanding of our program. Certainly, a continuation of this co-operative climate will serve to help our staff to better serve the educational needs of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. ALEIXO,
Principal

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual report as Supervising Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment

Our opening enrollment as of September was 455. This year because of the increased enrollment in grade one it was necessary to have four first grade classes. There are at present three classes in each of the grades from grade two through grade five. The Opportunity Class is also housed here at our school.

Curriculum

The new School Mathematics Study Group (S.M.S.G.) mathematics was introduced in Grade IV with every student in the grade participating in the program. Pupils in grade four and grade five are grouped homogenously for math instruction with a rotating teacher strengthening the program at both grade levels. All other grades are following the newly completed Arithmetic Course of Study and in addition some of the new math is being taught in each of these classes. Currently all faculty members and the principal are taking the new math course being conducted by Miss Dorothy Beckwith the Elementary School Supervisor.

The new Language Arts course of study is being used through out the school in all grades. A careful analysis of the program will continue with special emphasis placed on the strong points and the weaknesses weeded out. Here again in grades four and five the ability grouping in reading is being used with the rotating teacher working with both grades to broaden and upgrade the reading curriculum.

The physical education classes under the direction of Miss Maureen Shanahan and Mr. William Horner are sched-

uled weekly with the above physical education instructors. The program is being received with much enthusiasm by the students.

Guidance Program

1. Guidance services for:
 - a. Individual counseling
 - b. Pupil-teacher conferences
 - c. Parent-teacher conferences
 - d. Parent and school administrator conferences
2. Achievement Testing Program—all grades

Opportunity Class

The Massachusetts Department of Education sponsors the Opportunity Class which operates to provide special instruction for pupils who need individual instruction. Pupils are provided the opportunity to attend regular classes in certain subject areas when they have attained a specific degree of success in that particular subject. We are happy to welcome back Mrs. Anne M. Phillips who has returned to her duties after a leave of absence.

Speech and Hearing Clinic

The expanded Speech and Hearing Clinic under the direction of Mr. Peter Denison, Speech Therapist, meets on Monday P. M. and Thursday A. M. with the total time spent in therapy just barely exceeding one full school day. In addition Mr. Denison has spent some Wednesday afternoons doing intelligence testing. His case load is fairly high, totaling more than twenty children receiving therapy once or twice weekly with several others receiving help at less frequent intervals. The fact that a child who really needs help can be seen twice a week has definitely improved the efficiency of this program.

Cafeteria

Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt, cafeteria manager, and her assistants prepare a tasty well balanced meal for the students of both the Dighton Junior High School and the Dighton

Elementary School. Participation in the lunch program is made possible through the Naitonal School Lunch Program.

Maintenance

The responsibility of the maintenance of our school is in the capable hands of Mr. Antone Costa head custodian, and Mr. Frank Rogers, a competent assistant. The school is kept in excellent repair because of their interest and cooperative efforts.

Extra Curricula Activities

1. Open House and Tea—American Education Week.

Much was gained by having parents observe class periods during a regular school day. Parents were particularly interested in observing the new math classes.

2. Parent-Teacher Conference.

The evening session for the Parent-Teacher Conferences proved to be most successful to both parents and teachers. Parents had an opportunity to inspect student folders and to discuss with teachers student progress and report card marks.

3. Room Mothers.

Our Room Mothers have been most helpful in assisting with the social activities of the school. They help to establish a closer relationship between the school and the home. We are deeply appreciative of this service.

4. Monitors.

Successful group work requires leadership. Pupils learn to lead only by leading and it is most important that pupil leadership be used in areas where pupils may legitimately lead. Certain responsibilities that are part of the school program become the function of the monitor.

Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my most sincere thanks to Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools, the Dighton School Committee, the Dighton Town Officials, the

school faculty, the cafeteria personnel, the custodians, the parents, the pupils and all other school employees who have in any way contributed to the success of our school program.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ROSE BORGES,
Supervising Principal

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools
Dighton, Mass.

I herewith submit my report as Director of Music Education for the schools in Dighton.

The major undertaking of the professional music staff outside the classroom activity has been the start of a school music guide which will aid our class room teachers and supervisors in presenting music to our school children.

In the spring of 1963 two meetings were conducted for the elementary classroom teachers to acquaint them with philosophy, objectives, standards and methods of a music program. The first sections of the guide were distributed, discussion was conducted and understandings reached. These initial sessions emphasized the singing and music reading programs. Additional sessions this coming year will stress creative aspects, rhythms and instruments, and listening.

It should, perhaps, be emphasized that the need for strengthening our general music program became obvious when our young people reached high school not equipped to read music or do adequate part-singing. Such a lack of ability limited the scope of program possible in the high school. This condition was not the result of indifference or inefficiency of

either previous administration or classroom teachers however, rather it indicates a change in the overall approach to music education. This is a change in basic philosophy regarding the function of music in the school. (Such changes in thinking have influenced other phases of teaching especially mathematics, reading, languages and science.)

For school purposes the emphasis now being made is that MUSIC IS A DISCIPLINE. It has a body of knowledge, and skills or abilities which can and may be acquired. It is not a peripheral course a repository for juvenile delinquents nor an extra-curricula activity in terms of effort needed to master the subject. The development of music skill either individually or in groups requires as much time as does the development of individual athletic prowess and/or varsity teams. There are no shortcuts in music education. To a certain extent all of our children in school are expected to use their singing voices effectively, they should be able to translate the music page into musical sound, and they should be able to write musically that which they hear. This does not mean that they will become professional musicians any more than we expect the student of math to become a professional mathematician. It does mean that he should acquire understandings which may make him a better all-round citizen. It is a child's right to expect this accomplishment.

At the Dighton Elementary School the elementary music supervisor has the responsibility of presenting two programs. Usually these are given in the winter and spring. Because of the growth in elementary school population it has become necessary to adjust the mechanics of such programs. In the past all school children have been expected to be a part of both programs. Parents in attendance at these programs have stretched the seating capacity and the fire regulations. It is anticipated that future programs will involve only half of the classes for each program. In a two-year cycle the child will have opportunity to participate in both winter and spring concerts but not usually in the same grade. This should make for more effective public programs when we demonstrate what has been learned in school music.

At the junior high school the general music program has been broadened this year to include the listening to important masterworks, the study of composers and the composition of original musical works as classroom activity in addition to the overall singing and theoretical aspects. Our Junior High School Glee Club continues singing effectively. Their graduates make an especially significant contribution in the development of the high school choral groups.

Beginning this year Mr. Watson, our instrumental supervisor, has placed special emphasis on the development of an independent elementary school band. The success of his efforts was obvious at the Christmas program. The Junior High School Band has grown in numbers and instrumentation enabling that group to be exposed to music of lasting value with a satisfying result.

Progress in music is not made by leaps and bounds. (Sometimes it seems non-existent.) Reviewing the three years I have been with the Dighton schools I see marked progress in the ability and achievements of our children in terms of what they are able to understand and accomplish. There is room still for much improvement. We cannot afford to be complacent either as parents or teachers. Our most precious possessions are our children.

In closing I should like to express again my appreciation to you, Mr. Roy, to Dr. Borges of the Elementary School, and to Mr. Aleixio of the Junior High School. We have always been received with courtesy, kindness, patience and understanding. It is gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely,

PHILIP E. TURNER,
Director of Music Education
Union 37

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

In the absence of Mrs. Esther Bowden, R.N., who is on sick leave, I submit the annual report for Dighton Elementary and Dighton Junior High Schools.

Physical Examinations—268 pupils in grades 1 - 4 - 7 and pupils participating in competitive sports were examined by Dr. Charles Souza. The parents of 42 pupils were advised to seek further professional treatment.

Vision and Hearing Tests—384 pupils were given the Massachusetts Vision Test with the new Titmus Optical Tester. The parents of 10 pupils who failed were notified. The Maico audiometer was used to test 145 pupils. The parents of 3 pupils who failed were notified.

Immunization Clinics—1616 doses of Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine were given to the students of both schools. Type I January 22 and 23. Type II - March 12 and 13. Type III - May 14 and 15. D.P.T. (Diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus) and D.T. injections were given by Dr. Souza March 22, April 18 and May 17 to 88 pupils in preprimary, Grades 1 and 6. Smallpox vaccinations were given to 19 pre-school children on May 17.

Illness in School. Between January and June, 657 pupils at the Dighton Elementary reported ill to the Health room while I was on duty. 40 pupils were sent home and 14 were referred to their family physician for immediate treatment. I made 18 visits to the Junior High for illness. 5 pupils were referred for medical treatment.

I wish to thank the faculty of both schools for their cooperation in carrying out the health program.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE A. DUFFY, R. N.

GRADUATION EXERCISES DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

June 13, 1963

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Festival Day Overture"	Thomas
School Band	
PROCESSIONAL—"Processional March"	Kinyon
INVOCATION—Robert Costa	
CHORAL RESPONSE—"Lord We Do Adore Thee"	Dubois
GREETINGS—Stephen Spinney—Class President	
SELECTION—"Green Grow the Lilacs"	Gallup
THEMES—	
"Ignorance is No Bliss"	Ralph Owen
"Opportunities Unlimited"	Priscilla Hopkins
"What Lies Ahead"	William Alves
SELECTION—"The Green Cathedral"	Hahn
THEMES—	
"Our Accomplishments—Present and Future"	Russell Levinson
"Educational Difficulties and Needs"	Jennifer Babbitt
"Our Next Challenge—High School"	Ralph Simmons

INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER—

Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—

Thomas C. Sherman
Chairman, Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Koschat

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—

Members of the Graduating Class

AMERICA—School Band Traditional

BENEDICTION—Veronica Hagopian

RECESSIONAL—"Heads Up March" Kinyon

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Stephen Spinney
Vice President	Donna Souza
Secretary	Norma Rubadou
Treasurer	Ralph Simmons

Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools

Edward F. Aleixo, Principal

Charles H. Lincoln, Instrumental Music

Philip E. Turner, Vocal Music

Graduation Co-Chairman

Everett W. Jose

Kenneth D. Schindelwig

GRADUATES

*William P. Alves
 *Jennifer L. Babbitt
 Sybil M. Bacon
 William B. Ball
 Brian A. Brooks
 Stephen E. Carpenter
 Mary A. Costa
 Paul J. Costa
 Robert E. Costa
 Elizabeth D. Dumin
 John M. Dunne
 Jean E. Dupont
 John J. Fernandes
 Margaret A. Gomes
 Gregory V. Guckenburg
 Veronica Hagopian
 *Mary-Lou Harwood
 Susan Lee Hayward
 Christina A. Hoffshire
 Geoffrey A. Holt
 Lynda P. Hopkins
 Wayne R. Hopkins
 Elaine J. Hurwitz
 Judy A. Hyland
 Glenn R. Jennings
 Joanne J. Knorr
 *Gene M. Korlacki
 Susan LaFrance
 William R. Lavigne
 Philip E. Lavoie

**Russell H. Levinson
 Hugh F. MacDonald, Jr.
 Paul A. Maguire
 Sheila M. Maguire
 Sharon L. Marshall
 George M. McCombs
 Joyce A. Medeiros
 **Ralph E. Owen, Jr.
 Bruce B. Perry
 Robert G. Perry
 Walter F. Plonka
 William R. Pruitt
 Cynthia A. Rasmussen
 Donna L. Ribeiro
 Alice E. Riley
 George F. Riley 3rd
 Alan T. Robert
 Nancy M. Roderick
 Mary L. Rogers
 David R. Rose
 Norma J. Rubadou
 Pamela C. Silvia
 **Charlotte A. Simmons
 *Ralph F. Simmons, Jr.
 Brian P. Souza
 Carol Ann Suoza
 *Donna M. Souza
 *Stephen D. Spinney
 Mark T. Vermilyea
 Bette J. Willette

**High Honors

*Honors

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1963

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Opp. Class	Total
Dr. Rose Borges, Principal							
Teachers:							
Roberta Babbitt	27						27
Dorothy B. Bagley	26						26
Jessie H. Bradley	26						26
Doris M. Ferreira	27						27
Margaret F. Harrington		30					30
Stephanie A. Rozowicz		30					30
Jo-Anne M. Scaldini		26					26
Nancy L. Durfee			28				28
Mary G. Fleming			29				29
Helen M. Simmons			28				28
Helena Chamberlain				29			29
Mary M. Fitzsimmons				28			28
Joan LaFrance				28			28
Mary I. Dewey					25		25
Janet MacBeth					27		27
Helen C. Turner					27		27
Anne M. Phillips						14	14
Total Elementary School	106	86	85	85	79	14	455

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	6	7	8	Total
Edward F. Aleixo, Principal				
Teachers:				
William J. Donlan	31			31
John S. Needs	31			31
Charles T. Ryan, Jr.		32		32
William R. White		36		36
Everett W. Jose			24	24
Kenneth D. Schindelwig			24	24
Eunisa G. Wordell			24	24
Total Junior High School	62	68	72	202

DIGHTON SCHOOLS FACULTY—DECEMBER 31, 1963

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Dr. Rose E. Borges	2520 Pleasant St., Dighton	Calvin Coolidge College	1927
Faculty			
Roberta Babbitt	2430 Berkley St., Berkley	Perry Normal School	1960
Dorothy B. Bagley	8 Allen Lane, Somerset	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Jessie H. Bradley, B.A.	Berkley Street, Berkley	Wellesley College, Bridgewater Teachers College	1954
Helena Chamberlain	Middle Street, North Dighton	Framingham Normal	1961
Lena W. Cowell, B.S.M.Ed.	198 Bourn Avenue, Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Mary I. Dewey	37 Briggs Street, Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1963
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	224 So. Walker St., Taunton	Murray State College	1962
Doris M. Ferreira	490 Woodman Street, Fall River	Perry Normal School	1949
Mary M. Fitzsimmons, B.S.	108 Broadway, Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers College	1961
Mary G. Fleming	1503 Somerset Ave., Segreanet	Bridgewater Teachers College	1960
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Framingham Teachers College	1946
Joan LaFrance, B.S.Ed.	488 Spring Street, North Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1963
Janet MacBeth. B.A.	17 Plastic Ave., Taunton	Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.	1963
Anne M. Phillips	59 Freedom Street, Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers College	1948
Stephanie A. Rozowicz, B.S.	16 Fayette Place, Taunton	Lesley College	1963
Jo-Anne M. Scaldini, A.B.	4 Luther Road, Medford, Mass.	Emmanuel College	1963
Helen M. Simmons, B.S. in Ed.	4 Avon Street, Somerset	Framingham Normal School	1946
Helen C. Turner	538 School Street, North Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946

Dighton Junior High School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Edward F. Aleixo, M.Ed.	50 Clifford Street, Taunton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1960
Faculty			
William J. Donlan, B.S. in Ed.	20 Monson Street, Brockton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1961
Everett W. Jose, B.S. in Ed.	233 Andrews Street, Nio. Dghton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1960
John S. Needs, B.A.	7 South Street, Taunton	University of Mass.	1961
Charles T. Ryan, Jr., B.S.	1 Norwood Ave., Rockport, Mass.	Bridgewater State College	1962
Kenneth D. Schindelwig, B.A.	60 Clark Street, Somerset	Stonehill College	1962
William R. White, B.S. in Ed.	2299 Bay Street, Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1962
Eunisa G. Wordell, B.S.	1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1963
Elementary Supervisor			
Dorothy L. Beckwith, B.S., M.Ed.	Broad Street, Rehoboth	Boston University	1962
Director of Music Education			
Philip E. Turner, M.A.	200 Worcester St., Wellesley Hills	Boston University	1961
Music Supervisors			
Charlotte E. Hathaway	17 Plastic Ave., Taunton	State College, Lowell	1961
Instrumental			
David L. Watson, B.M.	Somerset Avenue, Segreganset	Boston University	1963

Part Time Instructors

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Peter B. Denison, M.A.	356 Kaufman Road, Somerset	Northwestern University	1961
Catherine M. Donle	1374 Pine Street, North Dighton		
William H. Horner, B.A.	107 Fairhaven Ave., Swansea	Barrington College	1963
James E. Owens, Jr., B.S.	18 Glenwood Ave., E. Providence	Rhode Island College	1963
Maureen E. Shanahan, B.S.	68 Lake Street, Abington, Mass.	Bridgewater State College	1962
Mary L. Watson, B.F.A.	Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Massachusetts College of Art	1960

Elementary and Junior High Secretary

Hannah E. Lassen
2168 Pleasant Street, Dighton

Cafeteria Personnel

Alfrena Bettencourt, Head Cook
636 School Street, No. Dighton
Grace E. French, Assistant
815 Center Street, No. Dighton
Louise G. Gomes, Assistant
954 Hart Street, Dighton
Fannie C. Lima, Assistant
461 Brook Street, Dighton
Bertha R. Stafford, Assistant
1463 Somerset Ave., Segreganset

Custodians

Antone Costa	Elm Street, Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1956
Frank Rogers	356 Lincoln Ave., North Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1960
Manuel L. Sanson, Jr.	437 School Lane, Dighton	Dighton Junior High	1961
Alvin Silvia	374 School Lane, Dighton	Dighton Junior High	1957

SCHOOL NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The School Needs Study Committee has held a series of meetings to determine the needs of the town in regard to its schools.

First action taken by the committee was to hear a report of the present facilities and to study the projected enrollment figures as presented by the School Building Assistance Commission.

A survey of all pre-school children currently residing within the town was undertaken to determine, as closely as possible, the number of children who would enter in each of the next six years.

The results of this survey were as follows: Class entering in 1964—95; 1965—86; 1966—85; 1967—88; 1968—76. There were 65 in the following year's class at the end of 10 months of this year.

These figures would indicate that there would be four first grades entering the elementary school next September which would fill each classroom. This year there is one classroom not utilized as a home room.

In the succeeding years, barring any unforeseen population explosion, there would be enough students to fill three rooms per grade without overcrowding the 33 limit which is now the policy of the Dighton School Committee.

Dighton Junior High School has adequate space to accommodate grades six, seven and eight for at least the next four years.

A major consideration in the committee's figuring is the possible construction of a town office building, under the Federal Redevelopment Act, which would release three more classrooms to the school department.

Home construction this year, according to figures available in the office of the Board of Selectmen, is continuing at a

normal pace. This, then, would not cause any radical change in population figures.

A recommendation of the committee is the removal of the Civil Defense headquarters from the Junior High School, thereby releasing more space to the school. If total removal is not possible, it would seem wise to remove immediately such potentially dangerous materials as oxygen, alcohol, and other hospital drugs from the school premises.

With possible town office construction being considered, it would appear that, provided such construction is carried out, the school department could eventually switch to a four grade elementary school, four grade middle school type of administration without undue difficulty.

However, since these points remain questionable at this time, the committee recommends that this report be accepted as a report of progress, and the committee remain intact for an indefinite period.

If said plans fail to materialize, further planning might become necessary within the next calendar year.

Nevertheless, any construction of schools at this time appears to be unnecessary. If, in the future, it becomes necessary to build, the town would be that much closer to the maturity of the bonds on the elementary school, and the yearly interest payments on the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School would be decreasing. The town would therefore, be in a better financial position to handle such construction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GERALD FLEMING, Chairman
WILLIAM MARSDEN
MRS. WARREN PERRY
ALAN HAYES
RICHARD PARCHESCO
MRS. KENNETH BARROW
KENNETH HOLMES
MRS. FRANCIS McCLELLAN

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School has now been open three years and we are moving into our fourth year. The present senior class will have attended the school four years when it is graduated in June. This year we are able to offer the complete program as planned when we opened the school.

ENROLLMENT

As of October 1, 1963 the total enrollment in the school was 715 pupils. We have an enrollment of 649 in the academic school and 66 in the vocational school. At present we have 58 tuition students from Berkley with the majority of these students in grades 9 and 10. Last spring the Seekonk School Committee asked us if we would take 70 of their sophomores in September as they could no longer go to East Providence High School. We accepted these students and along with three others enrolled previously we have 73 students on a tuition basis from Seekonk.

Seekonk is working on plans for a new high school and expects to have one in 1965. As the Seekonk pupils leave at that time we will be feeling the increase in numbers from Dighton and Rehoboth so that no great change should take place in the school program.

FINANCES

The total increase in the operating budget is \$50,531.00. However, due to increased tuition costs and other reimbursements the net increase is \$6,445.00. This increase is less than 1½% and is not in line with the increase in budgets of other towns and districts where the increases range from 4% low to 16% high.

It should be pointed out that according to the Regional District Agreement, tuition receipts are to be used to reduce the assessment to the member towns. It should be further pointed out that when these tuition pupils leave there will be a substantial increase in the District budget as not all the increase in the budget this year was due to taking in the Seekonk pupils. We would have had to have at least three new teachers and repair costs will probably increase as the building grows older.

To date the Regional District School Committee is pleased that they have been able to operate the school with no great increase in the assessments to the member towns.

FACULTY

We lost some of the best members of our faculty last June for various reasons. Mr. Derek Little, boys physical education teacher and Mr. Ralph Wadsworth, head of the English Department both went to Glastonbury, Connecticut as supervisors in the respective fields. Mrs. Helena Kennedy, head of the commercial department and an outstanding teacher and advisor, chose to retire. Mr. George Fairbanks, head of the mathematics and science departments left to teach in Weston, Massachusetts. Others who left were Mr. James O'Donnell to teach in Boylston, Mr. Edward Galvin to teach in Attleboro and Mr. Warren Brightman to teach in Fall River. Mr. Charles Lincoln, part-time instrumental music teacher left to teach in Pembroke.

Mr. Clifford Wood a member of the faculty, was made head of the English Department. Mr. Richard Dias and Mr. Leo Wontkowski were made senior teachers in the science and mathematics departments respectively. Other teachers hired were Mr. James Rennick, head of the Commercial Department. He formerly taught in Barrington, Rhode Island. Mr. Barry Bird of Providence College, Miss Janice Dovner of the University of Massachusetts, Miss Ethel Fraga of Stonehill College, Mr. Peter Nord of State College at Bridgewater,

and Janice Wojcik of the University of Massachusetts were all brought into the English Department. Mr. Ronald Crane a graduate of Bryant College was added to the commercial department. Mr. James Owens of Rhode Island College was made a part-time industrial arts teacher. Mr. Donald Ruggeri a graduate of Springfield College assumed the duties of boys physical education instructor. Mr. Theodore Lippold of Oberlin College, Mr. Wallace Wood of State College at Bridgewater and Mr. Raymond McDonald who formerly taught in New Bedford were added to the science and mathematics departments. Mr. David Watson who had taught in Berkley and Rehoboth is the new instrumental music instructor. Mr. Russell Latham, Special Class teacher at Palmer River School in Rehoboth was transferred to the high school to teach the older members of the special classes in the district.

Although we lost some good teachers we have been fortunate in replacing them with some outstanding, young, ambitious people.

PROGRAM

We are still maintaining the excellent program of studies that we started with in our first year. The school is a very busy place every school day from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many educational and social activities take place after school hours.

The program for those in need of special education that has been started is a step in the right direction. These people formerly left school and now will be able to better round out their educational and social background with from one to three years in high school.

We are also planning to offer adult evening courses again and hope the response is good from the townspeople.

We have money in the budget to start a summer school program and may be able to offer some courses in the summer of 1964.

MAINTENANCE

Our buildings have been kept in good repair by Mr. Howell Carr, head custodian and his very able staff. The interior of the building was for the most part planned without painting by the contractor. The custodians as part of their summer program have painted about 50% of the building. We have also filled in the traffic island near the parking lot and cleared the brush around the pond. This pond will be dragged and enlarged primarily for fire protection and secondly for skating. The grounds have been maintained and some of the drainage problems that arose have been taken care of.

We owe a great deal of thanks to this staff for their loyal interest in the plant.

CONCLUSION

No report would be complete without mentioning our cafeteria. Mrs. Ella Jones and her staff still produce meals and gain student participation that is the envy of most other schools in the area. It should be pointed out that this operation is entirely self supporting.

In conclusion I wish to thank Mr. Joseph C. Harrington, Mr. Charles F. Day, Mr. Francis Lussier and Mr. Francis Vitale, the able administrators of this school, for their cooperation over the past year. On behalf of the Regional School Committee I wish to thank the citizens of Dighton and Rehoboth for their support and invite them to visit a school they should be proud to share with others.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**Expenditures 1963****CAPITAL COSTS**

Bond Retirement	\$110,000.00
State Aid	\$68,335.83
Appropriation	41,664.17
Total Expenditures	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
Interest on Bond Expenditures	76,055.00

OPERATING COSTS:

General Control	8,239.84
Expenses of Instruction	275,690.52
Operation of Plant	50,144.69
Plant Maintenance	4,132.52
Auxiliary Agencies	17,060.19
Outlay	713.40
Transportation	40,421.91
Special Charges	170.82
Vocational	
(a) From Appropriation	14,576.49
(b) From U. S. Grant	18,430.76
	<u>\$429,581.14</u>

Receipts

State Reimbursement Transportation	40,981.48
Tuition	25,970.75
U. S. Grant	11,332.04
Vocational Education 1961 and 1962	15,169.65
Other Receipts	509.55
	<u>93,963.47</u>
Transferred from E and D to reduce budget	10,713.12
Total	<u>\$104,676.59</u>
Net Cost of Operating	<u>\$324,904.55</u>

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In Memoriam

JOHN F. KENNEDY

May 29, 1917 — November 22, 1963

“—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.”

“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country will do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”

“My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.”

“With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

President John F. Kennedy’s Inaugural Address—Jan. 20, 1961
